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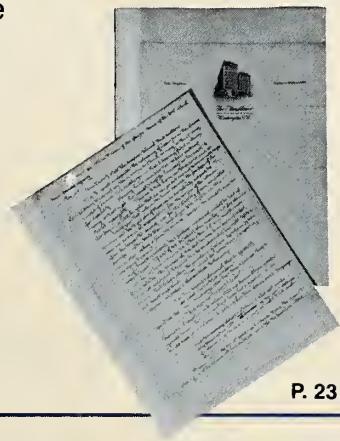
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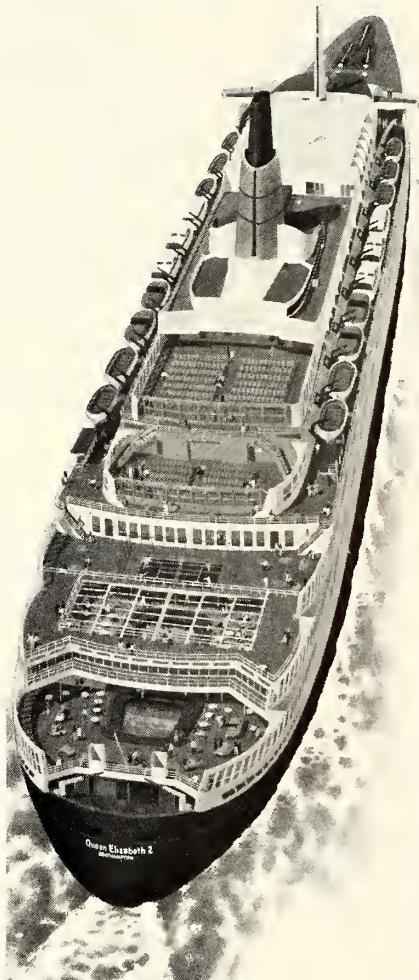
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Merchant Marine

Regarding Tracy Thompson's letter concerning merchant marine salaries: Whoever plucked those figures out of the elements must have been up with the astronauts because such salaries for merchant seamen do not now exist, nor have they ever existed. We merchant seamen do not make exorbitant salaries; if comparisons are to be made, let's match up our salaries with salaries paid in similar trades here and abroad. Furthermore, none of those trades have to forego the companionship of loved ones months on end as the American merchant seaman does.

Dennis A. Roland
Astoria, N.Y.

Missiles

J. J. Moakley suggests that rather than the US have space-based missiles (Big Issues, March 1984), we should negotiate "real arms control." Has he forgotten Lenin's words: "Promises are like piecrusts, made to be broken"? Furthermore, the Soviets have already militarized space with their anti-satellite weapon, the ASAT.

N. G. Nyerges
Santa Monica, Calif.

Phonics

I was surprised to see the article entitled "Can Phonics Solve the Literacy Crisis" (March 1984) because there has been no debate about this among professional educators for the past 30 years. There are no public school teachers or professors of education in the US who say children should learn by the "look-say" method and that phonics should not be taught. If there are educators today who hold to the idea that phonics should be omitted from the reading instruction program, Blumenfeld should have mentioned them in his article.

Carl E. Miller, Ed.D.
Professor of Education
Bakersfield, Calif.

As a former educator and publisher, I found this article most inter-

esting. It reflected some of my unpleasant experiences with college students, who could not read or, at least, comprehend what they "read." It is my sincere belief that this lack of reading ability continues to be a real problem in our "boob-tube civilization."

William F. Keller
Crystal Lake, Ill.

As the author of an instructional course in intensive phonics, I found Blumenfeld's article to be the best step-by-step account of what has happened to our reading programs that I have ever read.

Mary Gomer
Faulkton, S.D.

Why can't Johnny, or anybody else, read this article? Because black print on a dark green page is virtually impossible to read—especially by an 83-year-old veteran. If the article was published to be read, then this one failed the test.

Carroll F. Sullivan
Menlo Park, Calif.

Education Money

In "Money Is Not the Answer" (March 1984), Dr. George Roche III suggests several valid reasons for the lack of quality in our educational process. However, he omitted an important element of society that must share the burden of blame with the schools—the parents.

Verna Bressers
Wauwatosa, Wis.

C.A.P.

The Civil Air Patrol article (April 1984) suggests that emphasis today is focused on a future national emergency. While this is true, the civilian auxiliary of the USAF is more directly concerned with day-to-day emergencies. In 1983, for example, C.A.P. volunteers saved more than 150 lives—among them 60 were saved by aerial or ground search measures, and 59 through blood airlifts. Furthermore, DoD directives task C.A.P. with the primary responsibility for supporting civil authorities in natural disaster relief operations.

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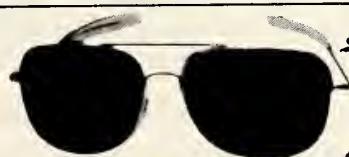
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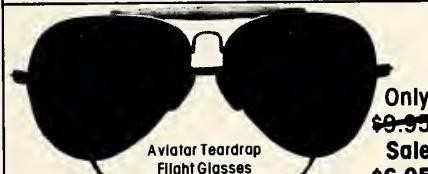


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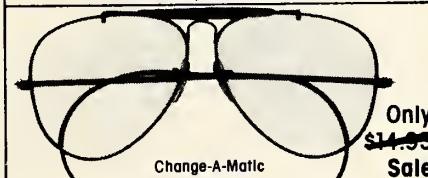


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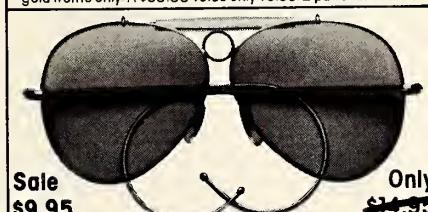
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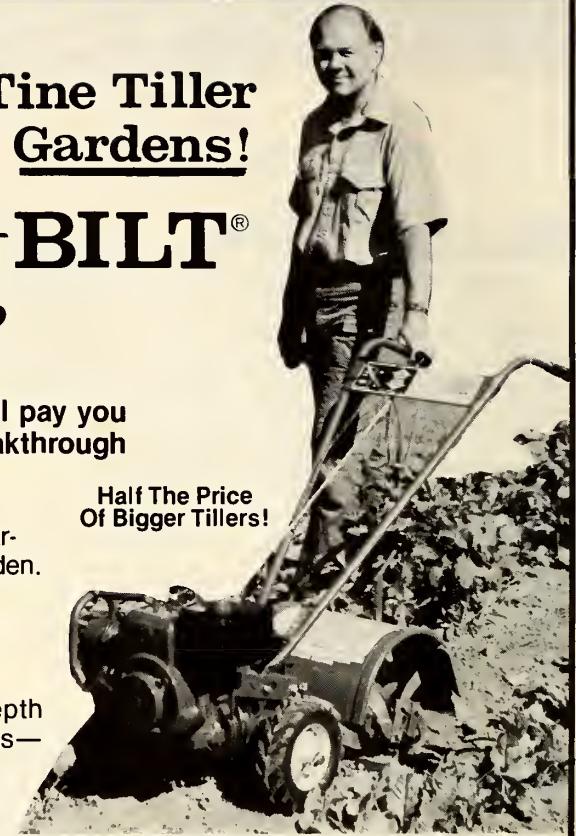
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If it had never done anything other than conceive, write and preside at the birth of the GI Bill, The American Legion's place in history as the nation's foremost veterans' advocate and friend would be secure.

This month marks the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the GI Bill. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed that historic piece of legislation on June 22, 1944, neither he nor the 78th Congress that passed it thought of it as an investment. Their emphasis was on giving "emphatic notice to the men and women of our armed forces that the American people did not intend to let them down."

Roosevelt's feeling echoed those of the small band of Legionnaires who, acting on the instruction of the 1943 National Convention, created a legacy of compassion for their fellow veterans. The Legion's foresight and the dedication of that special Legion committee have affected not only the life of every United States veteran, but of nearly every American citizen as well.

In the last four decades, the GI Bill has seen three successors, each serving its own generation of veterans. All have been modeled after the original legislation created by the Legion.

Coming when a million WWII servicemen were being discharged every month, the education and training provisions of the GI Bill played a major role by preventing complete disruption of America's economy. Unlike veterans of WWI, whose average length of service had been 12 months, the ex-GIs of WWII had been out of



Natl. Cdr. Keith Kreul

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the mainstream of civilian life an average of over 30 months. They returned to an uncertain economy retooling to peacetime production. Could the post-war business world absorb them? On one hand were all the ingredients for near-national breakdown. On the other, the GI Bill.

As we can see today, the education and training provisions of the GI Bill turned out to be a bargain. Our better-educated, higher-earning veterans return taxes to US coffers that are estimated to be three times what the veteran received as benefits from the GI Bill.

Dr. Elmer Ellis, former president of the University of Missouri, noted, "It

is the virtually unanimous opinion of educators that assistance to veterans for . . . education after WWII was one of the most tremendous and far-reaching policies ever inaugurated by the US government."

Last year we dedicated a memorial to one of the GI Bill's architects, Past Natl. Cdr. Harry W. Colmery. It was his hand that put the words on paper that were to become the greatest affirmation of a nation's debt to its wartime veterans.

Forty years later, his words continue to explain succinctly the deep-rooted compassion that the Legion has demonstrated repeatedly in its programs for veterans, their families and the nation:

"Never again," Colmery wrote, "do we want to see the glory of our nation fade to the extent that her men of arms . . . totter from door to door [dependent on] reluctant charity."

The point is that all Legionnaires are capable of greatness. We demonstrated that inspiration with the GI Bill, and now we constantly seek other challenges through which to continue our legacy of service and advocacy.

Many avenues are open to us, including nurturing US youth to be responsible citizens, ready to assume leadership in the 21st Century.

The message to be drawn from this 40th anniversary is that we are measured as successes or failures not by the numbers who serve us, but by the numbers we serve. The millions of US veterans served by the GI Bill bear witness to the Legion's greatness.

This anniversary serves as a reminder to every Legionnaire that we are here to serve. The GI Bill provides a standard against which we can measure our efforts. History has proven the GI Bill was not just a compassionate act of a grateful nation. It provided veterans the opportunity to uphold the honor and glory of the nation and to seek other challenges of service to God and country. □

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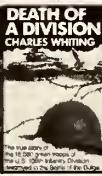
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Crooks May Pay Victims

Criminals soon may learn that doing time in prison isn't enough to right their wrongs. They may also find themselves paying cold cash to their victims.

The Reagan administration has sent legislation to Congress that, for the first time, would provide federal monetary assistance to citizens who have fallen prey to law-breakers. The aid would come from a Crime Victims Assistance Fund, which would be established primarily from money produced by fines levied on convicted federal defendants, including criminal antitrust and motor-vehicle violation fines, and from forfeited appearance bonds. Also, federal judges would be allowed to seize any sums that felons might receive from selling their stories to the media. The program is expected to distribute between \$45 million and \$75 million annually.

Part of the fund would be allocated to 38 states that already have victim-compensation laws; part also would go to victim-assistance programs currently operated by local governments and non-profit organizations. Crime victims also would gain the right to appear at federal parole hearings to discuss the effect the crime had on their lives.

Terrorists Target America

American diplomats and military personnel are the chief targets of terrorist groups overseas, says Robert M. Sayre, who runs the State Department's office combating terrorism. It's a problem that has been increasing steadily over the past 15 years.

Although domestic terrorist acts declined last year, 274 US diplomatic and military representatives abroad lost their lives in terrorist attacks, principally in the truck-bomb assault on the Marines' Beirut headquarters last October. The total was higher than in all previous years combined, Sayre told Congress recently. Altogether, terrorist incidents occurred in 85 nations in 1983, but American interests, military and diplomatic personnel were the prime targets.

To protect overseas personnel, the US already is increasing security at embassies and other stations, and is beginning a program to help train anti-terrorist teams in friendly countries. Meanwhile, President Reagan has promised Congress a series of measures to create a new US international anti-terrorism policy that is expected to provide for strike forces to halt terrorism activities wherever they occur.

In a related development, the FBI has created and trained a 50-member Hostage Rescue Team, the first of its kind, to thwart possible terrorist activities at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles this summer. The team will assemble on the West Coast, but will be prepared for immediate action throughout the country.

The team will supplement 59 police SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) teams currently available throughout the US. SWAT teams can be credited in part for the reduction in the number of terrorist acts in the US last year, FBI Director William H. Webster said.

The most violent domestic terrorist organization, Webster said, is the Armed Forces for National Liberation (FALN), which claims to fight for Puerto Rican independence, although most Puerto Ricans disavow that claim.

Act To Hit Computer Crime

Thanks to the advent of home computers, individuals now can gain access to computer networks once believed impenetrable. Consequently, computer crime—including unauthorized use of telephones, erroneous changes on credit cards, illegal electronic fund transfers and even entry into defense-related networks—is rising. Losses in the credit-card industry alone amounted to over \$100 million in 1983, about five times more than in 1980.

Moreover, the problem is likely to increase sharply in the near future: current surveys indicate that over 5 million desktop computers already are in use and that 80 million are expected to be sold by 1990.

That's why Rep. William J. Hughes, D.-N.J., has introduced the Counterfeit Access Device and Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1984. The bill, currently in committee, would make such access illegal and would provide penalties for such violations.

"These 'high-tech' criminals," Rep. Hughes said, "are one step ahead of the legal system. It's time that the legal system caught up."

Toxic Arms Pose Dilemma

If long-standing international agreements banning the use of toxic chemical and biological weapons aren't being respected—and evidence is mounting that they are not—what can be expected of nuclear arms bans? That's the situation facing the Reagan administration these days, as it attempts to get the USSR back to the strategic arms negotiating table in Geneva, Switzerland.

A toxic spray, "yellow rain," has been used in Afghanistan, Laos and Kampuchea during the past three years, and Iraq has been accused of employing disabling gas in its war with Iran. All indications are that the source of these weapons is the USSR. That is ample evidence, according to a recent unanimous Senate Resolution, that the prohibition against chemical warfare has systematically been violated by the Russians. Yet the USSR refuses, thus far, to acknowledge that the weapons have been used at all, much less that they have been manufactured in Soviet Russia.

Quote of the Month

"How can this nation best use its military force? By allowing the President to exercise his constitutional powers and then holding him accountable for his actions, not by pre-empting his proper action by removing his powers."

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By Loren Harrington

It's merely a piece of cloth—more precisely, several pieces—sewn together out of virginal white, rose red, cobalt blue. From the manufacturer's same bolts of fabric come awnings, or parachutes, or spinnakers. But joined together . . . this certain way . . . in this special combination . . . it becomes something else.

It stems from a heritage of having waved defiantly over the Battle of Bennington on the New York/Vermont border and Pork Chop Hill in Korea; from atop a 546-foot-high lump of volcanic rock known as Mount Suribachi on an island known as Iwo Jima. It's flown over beaches as a brilliant signal of liberation to the oppressed: beaches like Omaha, Palermo, Tarawa. It's been a welcoming beacon to tired crews in tired aircraft, limping back to a little patch of foreign soil from places named Stuttgart, Tokyo, Hanoi.

It's gone up into space, spreading the first rectangular shadow of its kind across the moon's dusty surface . . . gone down through a spreading oil slick from the USS *Arizona*. It fluttered, grimly, over Hickam Field on Dec. 7, 1941 . . . and at half-staff, sadly, over the White House on Nov. 22, 1963. It's been to the Arctic and Antarctic and most places in between including, briefly, a chunk of wind-swept desert in Iran and the warm-breezed sands of Grenada. The list rolls on: Tripoli, Fort McHenry, Fort Sumter, Vera Cruz, San Juan Hill, Belleau Wood, El Alamein, Corregidor, Suez, The Gulf of Tonkin. . . .

It's endured the Berlin Crisis, the Bay of Pigs and Watergate; waved proudly above the marching feet of soldiers as Paris was liberated in 1944, and been desecrated under the tramp-



ing feet of political protesters during a Chicago convention in 1968.

For a decade, not too long ago, some thought it unsophisticated, naive, not cool, to pay the proper respect owed these colors. It was square to ponder, to honor, what they represented. Even now, to some, they're just an inconvenience to be tolerated as they rise at the beginning of a football game. Ironically, they seem more dear to those who've sought their sheltered shores than to many born in their shadow and nurtured by the freedoms they represent.

Your flag . . . my flag . . . our flag. More blue than the sky it flies in, red as the blood of those who've died to protect it, white as the crosses and

Stars of David under which those dead are buried. Changing through the years as each new state has added its star—never changing as a symbol of purpose and resolve. A glowing portrait of freedom, equally, for those who would revere or defile it.

So this June 14, this Flag Day—or Memorial Day, or Independence Day—or even the next time you happen to glance up and see "Old Glory" unfurled in the breeze, take just a moment to really look at it, to weigh—good and bad—what we've endured and enjoyed as a nation over the last two centuries.

Then ask yourself this simple question: "Under what other nation's flag would I rather live?" □

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It's Time To Get Our Facts Straight On El Salvador

By Al Keller Jr.
Past National Commander

In mid-March, President Reagan invited Past Natl. Cdr. Al Keller Jr. to join the US team of observers for the presidential election in El Salvador. This is Keller's report.

America faces a serious challenge to its interests and the cause of freedom in Central America. Yet, where decisiveness is called for, massive confusion prevails.

Few Americans seem aware of the facts; few realize the importance of "drawing a line" against aggression in Central America. And our enemies are using every tool they have to undermine our efforts there.

Terrorists in El Salvador know that the quickest way to achieve their aims is to persuade Congress and the American people that aid to El Salvador is a bad idea. Terrorist leaders generally contend: "We know that the Vietnam War was won in Washington. We intend to do the same thing in El Salvador."

Despite significant headway being made by the Salvadorans, this "disinformation" campaign is succeeding. Eleven US religious groups recently demanded that Congress end all military aid to Central America and deal with the terrorists to halt "further bloodshed" there.

Such opinions, combined with a lack of understanding and commitment among members of Congress and the general public, make it hard for the US to maintain an effective bipartisan policy supporting democracy in Central America.



Al Keller, county clerk of Kankakee County, Ill., traveled to Central America to witness the Salvadoran elections at President Reagan's invitation.



Central America. The media, too, often compound the confusion by publishing or airing inaccurate or unbalanced articles or newscasts.

Democracy indeed is progressing in El Salvador. On March 25, 75 percent of its eligible voters braved terrorists, administrative snags and delays to vote. The election seemed honest; no fraud was apparent. Most important, voters of all ages said they were voting because they want democracy, not because they had to vote.

Even so, criticism of US policy in El Salvador and Central America continues. I'm convinced this is so because too many Americans accept myth as fact. It's time to clear up some of those myths:

1. *It doesn't really matter who rules the "banana republics" of Central America.* Yes, it does. After 400 years of stagnation, El Salvador is beginning a determined effort to establish true democracy. If it falls prey to Communism, which nation will be next—and what other country will believe that the US can help prevent a Communist takeover?

2. *US aid to El Salvador is money wasted.* No, it's not. With minimal US help—just over \$1 billion in Fiscal Years 1980 through 1984, or just 3 percent of all US foreign aid—El Salvador has made great progress. Economic aid of \$798.2 million has helped the country meet critical import needs, finance its budget, pay for priority programs such as land reform, finance employment-generating projects and other needs, and pay for food. US military aid of \$269.5 million has helped the Salvadoran army buy arms, ammunition and logistical support, and train over 15,000 troops in a variety of subjects including increased respect for human rights. As of last Dec. 31, 33 percent of US-trained troops and 90 percent of eligible noncommissioned officers were re-enlisting, a major achievement in a nation under heavy terrorist pressure.

The Salvadorans need our help, and the US has a moral responsibility to respond to that need.

3. *The US cannot afford to aid El Salvador while we face unemployment and budget deficits at home.* Yes, we can. What we truly cannot afford is to miss the chance now to stop Communism in its tracks in Central America. It makes more sense to spend money now than to wait for bigger problems later. If El Salvador falls, other Central American nations will be threatened, and the fall of one more nation will threaten US security directly. To counter that would cost us billions—and, possibly, American lives as well. The real challenge is to use our money well.

Our purpose in El Salvador is simple: to prevent the USSR from expanding its military power and political influence in our hemisphere. One Cuba, we have told the world, is enough. So is one Nicaragua.

The hour is late. Countless freedom-loving Salvadorans are betting their lives on US help. We must not let them down. □

CIA: Confronting “Undeclared War”

Guerrilla action, political upheaval, economic subversion and disinformation are among the many tactics being used against the Free World by the forces of international Communism. In this exclusive interview, America's intelligence chief, CIA Director William J. Casey, assesses how the US is faring in this battle.



Legion Magazine: Mr. Casey, what are the critical intelligence problems of the 1980s as you see them?

Director Casey: First and foremost is the ever-growing military power of the Soviet Union. Second is the destabilization and subversion of countries around the world by a combination of the Soviet Union and its Cuban, Vietnamese, Ethiopian and Libyan proxies. Third are terrorist activities that are increasingly sponsored by the Communists and radical Arab states like Iran and Libya for foreign policy purposes. Then, there's the deep unrest of all those captive peoples under the Soviet yoke, like the Poles. The Arab states around the Mediterranean and the states having proximity to the Persian Gulf present a hornet's nest of intelligence problems. The list is lengthy.

Q. Is all this a scenario for eventual open conflict?

A. I'm afraid that too few people in a peaceful place like America understand the real nature of what's going on around the world. The hard fact is, we are confronted with an undeclared war by the forces of international Communism as well as some radical Arab states. Terrorism has reached a stage where the distinction between war and peace is often obscured. The Soviet Union's KGB is waging constant warfare against the US, using techniques of propaganda, disinformation and other so-called "active measures" such as stealing or otherwise improperly acquiring our best technology; destabilizing weak governments; undermining trade and national economies, and providing weapons and training to insurgents who seek to overthrow non-Communist governments. At the same time, the Soviets seek to build an overwhelming military power that can be used to intimidate others and make political gains.

Q. What's the main hope for countering these forces around the world?

A. The CIA is the one worldwide force that can cope with the tactics practiced in this undeclared war. Other countries have effective intelligence and security agencies. By working closely with them, by sharing information and technological capabilities, we have mounted an effective worldwide counter-force. Hence, the KGB and its auxiliaries—the East Europeans, the Cubans, the Vietnamese, the Nicaraguans—apply increasing amounts of manpower, money and subversive skills in an effort to destroy us and our capabilities.

Q. How is this undeclared war going?

A. I think we are doing better. Over the years, the Communists were very successful in supporting guerrilla action and destabilizing and overthrowing governments. Communists came into control in Ethiopia, Angola, Nicaragua and, of course, in Cuba and Vietnam. In the past couple of years, however, they've been encountering increasing resistance. People in these countries are less willing to take Communist oppression lying down. They are more aware of what the Communists are really up to, and there is growing resistance to it.

Q. Much has been heard about the operations of the KGB and others in stealing our industrial secrets. How damaging is this espionage work?

A. Soviet industrial espionage is a serious problem. Through KGB operations, America ends up contributing indirectly to the build-up, the accuracy and precision of Soviet weapons which, in effect, finds us competing with our own technology. This has forced us to make budget-

busting appropriations to come up with more adequate defense forces. However, we now fully recognize the problem and are doing a better counter-espionage job. Last year well over 100 Soviet agents were arrested, kicked out or defected around the world, most of them engaged in stealing technology.

Q. Why do we tolerate all these agents within the US, including those disguised as diplomatic personnel?

A. Well, we don't just tolerate them. The FBI is responsible for combatting Soviet espionage inside the US. The Soviets certainly have more agents in this country than we have in theirs. We work very hard to put them out of business and are having a fairly good success rate. Yet, sometimes it is better to watch what they are doing for a while, to see what else is out there, instead of immediately grabbing and deporting them.

Q. How successful is the West in prying critical information out of the USSR?

A. The reality we face is asymmetry in the availability of information. In our open society anybody can get lots of information. Their society is closed and their data is closely held. That's the nature of the beast and it makes our job a lot tougher. On the other hand, openness in the US is the source of our vitality. Here, people can build, exchange and acquire knowledge without hindrance. The Soviets pay a steep price for their restricted freedom in the form of a deadening internal climate. But I'm sure they won't change their ways, so our task will remain challenging.

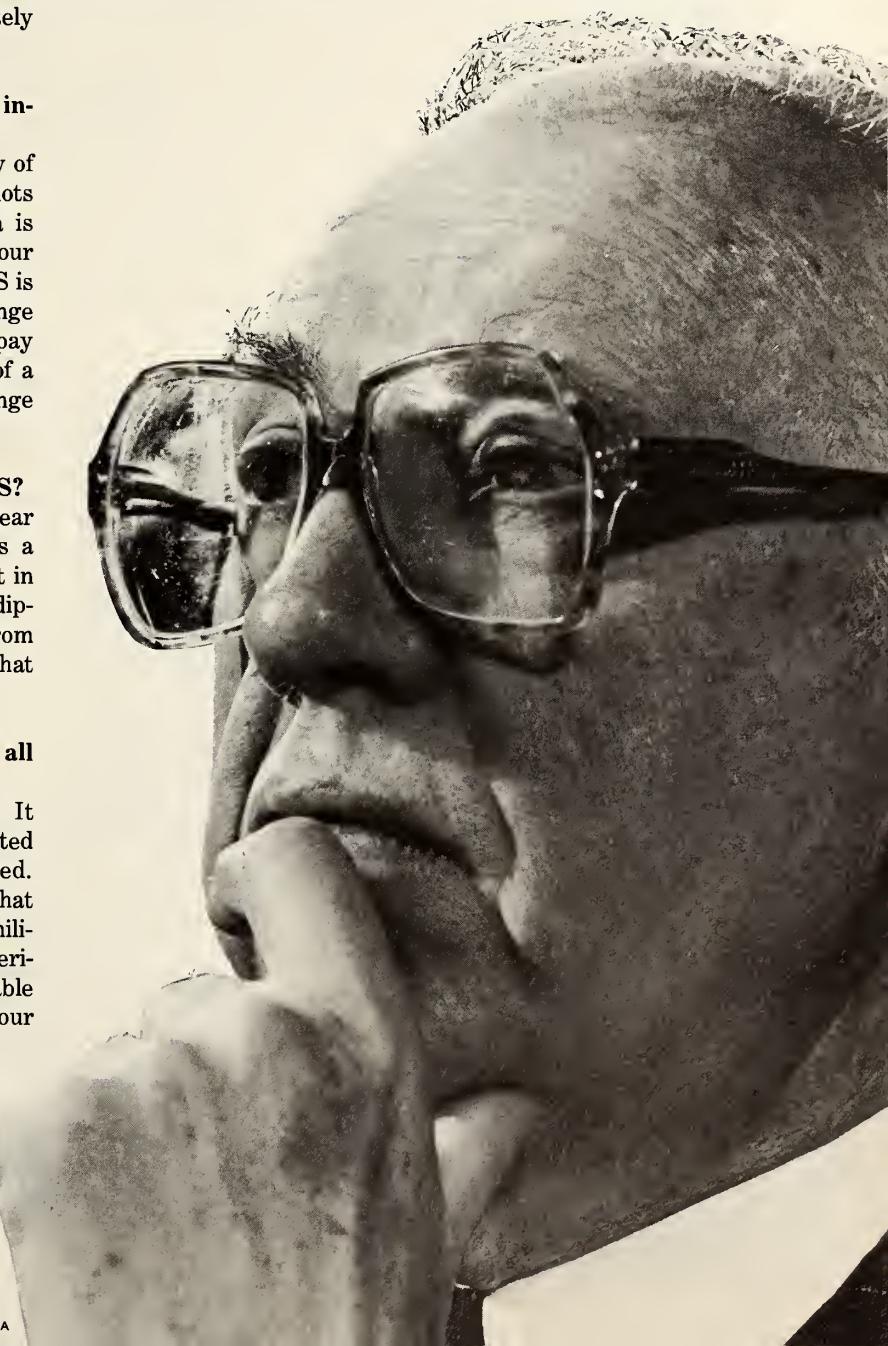
Q. How serious a threat is terrorism within the US?

A. Well, it's a very serious threat worldwide. It is clear that some countries have adopted terrorism as a cheap and inexpensive foreign policy weapon, and use it in assorted ways to create diplomatic upheaval. American diplomatic institutions have already suffered deeply from terrorism—as, for instance, in Lebanon—and I think that we will see more of it abroad and here in America.

Q. Is the CIA adequately equipped to deal with all these problems?

The CIA is a capable, hard-hitting organization. It was developed over 36 years ago by truly dedicated people. It is staffed today by people just as dedicated. There is a whole range of technical and security needs that can be handled only by the CIA—and, along with the military and other intelligence agencies making up the American intelligence community, we do have the people capable of gathering and analyzing the information needed by our policymakers in Washington.

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William J. Casey, who served in the OSS in WWII, is a former chairman of the Securities & Exchange Commission and the Export-Import Bank. He was named CIA director in 1981.

CIA

Q. Any particular areas which need strengthening?

A. Of course. Intelligence is by no means a perfect science. In the '70s the intelligence budget was cut some 40 percent, and numbers of people reduced by 50 percent. Now, we're rebuilding our capabilities. Advanced technical systems have given us the ability to get a lot of information that we couldn't before, and we get information faster and in larger quantities. The problem, increasingly, is being able to *process* the information—to analyze it so that people can understand and use it. To cope with this enormous intake, we've hired many computer and information experts.

In this connection, I might mention that the CIA is not looking for spies; we're looking for *patriots*, friends and supporters—for people who understand the endless difference between human freedom and totalitarianism and who are willing to put themselves on the line for the things we in America believe in.

Q. What roles do you carry out as head of our overall intelligence community?

A. I wear three hats. First, I am the President's principal intelligence adviser. I'm also charged with coordinating the intelligence community, which includes CIA, the Department of State, Defense, Treasury, Energy and the FBI; that is, the nation's whole intelligence apparatus, including military intelligence and specialized activities. And thirdly, I head the CIA itself. For the most part, the various components of the intelligence community work together. Having access to all areas of intelligence lets us develop a more thorough assessment of facts.



The CIA operates from this headquarters in Langley, Va.

Then, as a Cabinet officer, I get an insight into policy deliberations. This is very important in determining what is critical and what we must focus on in producing the most relevant intelligence.

Q. Do you have any problems in getting support from the White House and Congress?

A. No. We have received strong support from both this administration and from Congress. We have had considerable increases in our budget and other resources, which is essential to our rebuilding effort.

Q. Why did the CIA lose that support in the '70s?

A. Support was lost in the '70s because there was a lot of misinformation put out about misconduct in intelligence activities. With few exceptions, those allegations turned out to be false. Yet, while the charges would appear on the front pages of newspapers, the corrections or denials would appear on the back pages. These charges also became political issues, and news people and others were tempted to sensationalize them. Now all that has finally died down. We reached a turning point when responsible members of Congress took pains to set the record straight and to develop an oversight process that restored confidence in the way the CIA operates. Then the present administration came in and showed that it valued and supported sound intelligence activities. All this had the effect of rebuilding internal morale, and we've really been on the upswing ever since.

Q. Mr. Casey, what about leaks of intelligence on what the CIA is doing, particularly through Freedom of Information Act requests: Is this a problem and, if so, what should be done about it?

A. The publicizing of secret and classified information is highly damaging. It's damaging to the tremendous effort that goes into getting people to help us around the world. The Freedom of Information Act makes people abroad wonder whether we can protect their anonymity if they agree to help us. We need relief from that burden so we can regain their confidence and restore the capabilities we had before.

Q. What kind of relief?

A. A bill is before Congress that would make our operational files exempt from Freedom of Information Act requests. We can now withhold information that is classified, but we are required by the law to laboriously search our files anyway. This means using experienced case officers to make judgments as to the jeopardy we would be putting our operations and people in if we released the information. That's a great waste of talent. At times as many as 4-to-5 percent of our best people are going over our operational files and searching—sometimes because of frivolous requests. If they were not tied up doing this, they would be out on the firing line developing intelligence, our real mission. Also, the fact that our operational files would no longer be subject to search and exposure would be of considerable comfort to those people who would otherwise work with us, but who are worried about their personal safety and whether we in this country can keep secrets.

Q. Do the American people have adequate checks against the possibility of CIA misusing its powers, especially in covert operations?

A. There's an oversight process that is carefully and diligently exercised by the Congress and it works to assure that the things we undertake are reported to our oversight committees and subject to their scrutiny. I think that's the best protection of all. It's certainly better than hoping to piece information together from old documents on events long past that come from FOIA requests.

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The Wartime OSS

At a WWII press conference, a reporter asked President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "Mr. President, is Bill Donovan's work still a secret?"

"Oh my, yes," replied Roosevelt. "Heavens, he operates all over

the world."

In June 1941, six months before Pearl Harbor, FDR called Donovan to the White House and asked him to set up America's first central intelligence organization. Donovan had served Presidents since 1919, when President Woodrow Wilson sent him to Siberia to discover what was going on in the Russian civil war.

During the 1920s and '30s, he virtually was a one-man intelligence service. As the tragic events in Europe and the Pacific led to war, he took on missions of increasing importance. Roosevelt called him "my secret legs." Donovan, the most highly decorated hero of WWI, a Founder of The American Legion and a prominent political leader, carried on the secret life of a master spy. He drafted plans for what became the Office of Strategic Services.

"Bill Donovan conceived the OSS as a worldwide intelligence organization that could collect the facts necessary to develop our policy and war strategy," said Allen Dulles, a key Donovan lieutenant, who after the war became the first director of the CIA. "He was convinced that Axis secrets were to be found not only in Berlin, Rome and Tokyo, but also in other capitals and outposts around the world."

Moles, whom Donovan had carefully nurtured in the 1920s and '30s, were highly placed in the German and Italian governments. Other agents infiltrated the German High Command and the Abwehr, the German secret service. As

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By Richard Dunlop

"Wild Bill" Donovan, a WWI hero and Legion Founder, put together the first US intelligence unit, the forerunner of today's modern CIA.

a result, the OSS learned in advance about the development of German jet aircraft, the Nazi effort to develop a nuclear weapon, secrets of the V-1s and V-2s and the plot against Hitler.

While the OSS sought strategic intelligence all over the world, it also parachuted agents behind enemy lines to glean tactical information in combat areas. Donovan organized guerrillas in Europe and Asia to wreck enemy lines of communication and supply and to tie down troops that otherwise might have been used at the front.

A technical group at OSS headquar-



ters in Washington went to work creating new gadgets and techniques for sabotaging the enemy war effort. This equipment ranged from sophisticated communications to the first plastic explosive, which was called "Aunt Jemima," because it could be safely baked into pancakes if necessary.

The OSS Morale Operations Branch carried out undercover psychological warfare to confuse the enemy and break his power to resist. Donovan set researchers to work in business, university and governmental archives digging out information and photographs that would help illuminate the theaters of war. He assembled what was called "Donovan's Brain Trust," the best academic and analytical experts in America, in the Research and Analysis branch. Their task was to explore political and economic aspects of the war around the world.

Sir William Stephenson, known as "Intrepid" in intelligence circles, commented that the OSS R&A Branch was "the most brilliant team of analysts in the history of intelligence."

Donovan built a wartime intelligence organization of 25,000. The OSS made a vast contribution to the winning of WWII, but it was dissolved in 1945 by President Harry S. Truman, who did not realize the key role that a central intelligence agency would play in safeguarding peace in the turbulent postwar period. Nonetheless, Donovan's wartime OSS was the forerunner of the CIA, and Donovan helped to draft the legislation that created today's Central Intelligence Agency. Several CIA directors, including William Casey, were in the OSS.

Just within the main entrance of CIA headquarters hangs a painting of William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan as a tribute to the man who, throughout the intelligence community, is acknowledged to be, "the father of American intelligence." □

Founder of the OSS was W. J. "Wild Bill" Donovan, seen here in a portrait that hangs in CIA headquarters.

TERRORISM!

CANCER OF CIVILIZATION

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Once the domain of a fanatic few, terrorism today is viewed by some nations as an instrument of national policy—one increasingly being aimed at the US

By Robert E. Hunter and Robert H. Kupperman

Terrorism is impersonal, senseless and deadly.

Terrorists strike unexpectedly in their undeclared wars, and they do so with indifference to human life, their own included. Last year, there were 746 incidents of terrorism throughout the world.

Even in the US, once viewed as relatively free of terrorist activities, there were 30 known terrorist incidents in 1983. Americans have become acutely aware that terrorism is not limited to Europe and the Third World; a recent Justice Department survey of crimes most feared by Americans showed that terrorism topped the list of "ordinary" crimes. There is good reason:

- In April 1983, terrorists in Lebanon blew up the American Embassy, killing 47 people, including 17 Americans.

- In October, a yellow Mercedes-Benz truck, carrying the equivalent of six tons of TNT, crashed into US headquarters at Beirut Airport. The explosion killed 241 US Marines and other servicemen and wounded more than 100. FBI experts later called this the largest non-nuclear explosion they had ever investigated.

- In December, a bomb exploded next to the Senate chamber in Washington. Although no injuries resulted, the incident emphasized the need for

new security restrictions governing access to the US Capitol, previously the most public building in America.

The 1984 Olympics will be in Los Angeles this summer, perhaps the most visible and tempting terrorist target of the year. Security will be increased in an effort to avoid a repeat of the 1972 Munich tragedy.

We have become inured to news of terrorist activities. Hardly a day passes without an incident occurring somewhere in the world: some 3,600 incidents from 1977 through May 1983. No country or individual is immune—not even the Pope.

Until recently, the US largely viewed terrorist activities abroad with shocked detachment, save for the late 1960s when groups like the Weathermen made attacks here. Now, we are direct targets of attack, primarily from foreign sources.

In fact, we have long been direct targets of attack, because attacks have been primarily against Americans abroad. During the past decade, more than half of all known terrorist incidents in the world have involved US individuals and facilities. Attacks on US military targets increased from 34 in 1980 to 57 in 1981 and to 67 in 1982.

The 1979 seizure of the American embassy in Teheran seemed to many observers then to be an isolated event: the act of a leader we believed atypical, whom we did not really take seriously. Even the sieges of our embassies in Islamabad and Tripoli—each a hairbreadth from disaster—were virtually forgotten when the Middle East again quieted down.

But these incidents—especially in Iran—were something more. The

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crisis demonstrated not only that the US is a visible target but a vulnerable one, as well. America was diplomatically and militarily unable to deal with terrorist actions in Iran for 444 days. The result: no casualties among the hostages, but a severe blow to our prestige.

More recent threats against US government buildings—implicitly against the Commander-in-Chief himself—represent an assault on the foundations of our democratic society. Whether there actually was a truck loaded with explosives ready to be driven headlong at the White House or State Department is irrelevant: the threat itself (like that of a Libyan "death squad" two years before) forced the President to retreat behind barricades, an affront to our principle of a free and open government.

All too clearly, international terrorism is no longer confined to random acts of fanatical violence. Increasingly, it has emerged as a tool to undermine Western and moderate governments both at home and abroad. Whether used by radical subnational groups like the PLO, by rogue nations like Iran and Libya or by Soviet-supported proxies, terrorism has become part of the arsenal of low-intensity warfare. Terror has even gone on the conference circuit, as witnessed by the purported meeting late last year in Mexico City of many of the world's worst desperados. Training camps in countries like Libya take all comers.

(Editor's note: For a complete listing of key terrorist groups, see "Who's Who In International Terrorism," page 50.)

Until recently, however, most internationally sponsored terrorism directed against Americans was centered on targets abroad. There was little need to reach into the US to find a target. Our airport security is tight, and, in places like the Middle East, we were seen as the best hope of resolving grievances.

Now, much has changed. The Israeli invasion of Lebanon, originally intended to eliminate the PLO as a major terrorist threat, has led to division in the PLO's ranks and its dispersal. But it did not end the PLO's role in terrorism against other targets in the Middle East and beyond. There now are so many other groups in the Middle East engaged in terrorism that they sometimes claim "credit" for the

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same outrage. Fanaticism has become a cottage industry in the Middle East to a degree rarely seen even in that troubled part of the world. According to Brian Jenkins of the Rand Corp., "Americans tend to underestimate the power of religious commitment and turn to psychiatrists for explanations of abhorrent behavior."

The DoD Commission on the Beirut International Airport Terrorist Act recognized these facts when it called for "an active national policy which seeks to deter attack or reduce its effectiveness." With good reason.

Like martial arts, terrorism seeks to

turn our chief strengths against us: our traditions of fairness, restraint, the openness of our news media and our sophisticated economic and technological base. Terrorism thrives in societies that refuse to allow the liberties of all to be curtailed because of the criminal actions of a few. By contrast, terrorism is relatively ineffective in totalitarian states like the USSR and the captive nations of Eastern Europe, where it is simply crushed.

Unfortunately, the news media unintentionally contribute to terrorism. Terrorists thrive when reports of their activities appear on television sets throughout the world. Also, one terrorist act widely covered in the media tends to beget another, as we saw in Lebanon, where the bombing of US servicemen followed the pattern of earlier attacks, such as that on our embassy in Beirut.

None of this is to fault the choices made by the media. Like it or not, the technology of television cannot be uninvented: crises make news. To require media *not* to report a terrorist incident would do the terrorists' work for them by weakening our liberties.

Nevertheless, terrorists do use the

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Marines and civilians (right) burrow through the wreckage of Marine headquarters in Beirut following the terrorist bombing there in October 1983.

D-DAY PLUS 40 YEARS

It was the greatest amphibious invasion in history. Here's how it went, in the words of men who lived it.

By Philip C. Clarke

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor would like to find that small flask of "good Irish whisky" he lost while parachuting into Normandy with his 101st Airborne Division on D-Day.

Ernie Austin, of La Crosse, Wis., would donate his old sergeant's stripes to be able to return to Pointe du Hoc, the 100 foot cliff above Omaha Beach, that he and a handful of other Rangers somehow managed to climb under murderous enemy fire early on the morning of June 6, 1944.

Navy cook Marvin Fretwell, of Cocoa Beach, Fla., would look for a line of trees where he set up a galley for 2,000 of the invading GIs, just before an exploding shell shattered his hearing and claimed one of his legs.

For Joe Kinsinger, of Mahanoy City, Pa., a forward artillery observer with the 22nd Infantry, 4th Division, it would bring back D-Day memories to locate the road back of Utah Beach where he encountered Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., the 4th's deputy commander, chewing out a jeep driver for blocking the only detour around a disabled truck.

Not all of the D-Day veterans will be returning this year, of course. But a good many of the nearly 73,000 US servicemen who participated in that "longest day" will be going back to retrace their wartime steps and attend 40th anniversary commemorations throughout Normandy. They'll be among 1.5 million Americans expected to visit France in 1984.

For some of the returning veterans, it will be what Philippe Jutras calls "a last hurrah." The Massachusetts-born veteran came back to Normandy in 1970 to marry the French girl he met there during the war and now lives in Ste. Mere-Eglise where he runs the Airborne Museum. It's dedicated to

the paratroopers of the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions who liberated the town, the first in France, before dawn on D-Day.

For other visiting veterans, it will be a time for quiet reflection, and for remembering wartime buddies who never made it home.

But after all the speeches, marching bands and nostalgic reunions, it is along the beaches—quiet now, save for the sound of the waves and of children at play—and among the grim, shell-shattered remnants of Hitler's "impregnable" Atlantic Wall that the most vivid memories of D-Day remain. They remain for the liberators as well as for the liberated.

On a pre-anniversary visit to Normandy, arranged by the French Government Tourist Office and TWA for a group of American journalists, I talked with local residents about their recollections of D-Day. Later, back in the States, there were more interviews with American veterans. What came out was a common bond of understanding and of deep friendship, born of shared experiences.

It would, of course, be impossible to convey more than a small fraction of the experiences and emotions of those momentous days of 1944. But the words of some who lived through them tell the story best.

Gen. Taylor won't be returning to Normandy this year; arthritis has slowed his pace. But he'll never forget D-Day and how he landed, alone and separated from his troops, in the pre-dawn darkness. "It seemed like an eternity before I managed to cut free from my 'chute and make my way along a hedgerow in search of my men. Suddenly, I heard footsteps. Was it a GI or a German? I readied my weapon and clicked my cricket (the toy-like noisemaker carried by airborne troops for identification in darkness). Then, an answering click. We hugged each other like long-lost friends and set out

Philip C. Clarke, a long-time reporter and editor, traveled to Normandy, France, to research this article.



A portion of the 5,000-ship invasion fleet can be seen in the view on these pages, as LSTs disgorged men and vehicles onto Omaha Beach on D-Day. Below, a French child places a rose on the grave of an unknown American soldier in a cemetery overlooking one of the beaches in Normandy.



to find the other Americans."

The lessons of D-Day? "If I had been in command of Operation Overlord, I never would have put both Airbornes, the 101st and the 82nd, behind Utah Beach. I would have dropped one of the divisions behind Omaha Beach where our troops needed all the help they could get."

Twenty years ago, Gen. Taylor revisited Ste. Mere-Eglise. At ceremonies inaugurating the town's parachute-shaped Airborne Museum, Gen. Taylor expressed regret for wartime damage to the picturesque village and its environs. "The people," he said, "certainly made me understand it was well worth the price."

Of the troops that stormed Omaha Beach, none paid a higher price than men of the 2nd Ranger Battalion. Sgt. Austin, of F Company, remembers climbing up the sheer cliff at Pointe-du-Hoc, using grappling hooks, fire ladders "and anything else we could grab onto. But there was no other way. We were told that the enemy had its biggest guns at the top and that they could tear up everything on the beaches and well out to sea. They had to be knocked out before the ships and troops could go in."

The German guns—six 155mm

howitzers—were found and destroyed, not in their concrete emplacements but in a camouflaged apple orchard about 800 yards inland. As Austin recalls: "There were too few of us left to do much more." Of the 225 Rangers who started out, 135 had been killed or captured. Most of the remaining 90 men, including Austin,

strapped his pack and waded ashore. "All I kept was my M-1 and gas mask. After you hit shore you could pick up all the guns and shells you wanted."

Pfc. Paul Holliday, of Greensboro, N.C., was at the wheel of a jeep with two officers and a war correspondent when a landing craft dropped them off about 100 yards off Utah Beach. "The water was up over the jeep's hood. We made it. But the Germans were shelling the beach. Artillery rounds were hitting all around us. We would stop, jump out and crawl under the jeep and hug the sand while the shells landed. It was wham, wham, wham!"

Holliday returned to Normandy last summer and walked for miles along the beach. His thoughts were of D-Day and of the two bulldozer operators he had seen clearing away obstacles on the beach so reinforcements could land. "Other GIs were trying to make it to safety, but the bulldozer men stayed with their machines. Both of them were killed by shellfire."

Of all the lasting impressions of D-Day, the most common one is of the mass confusion.

W. W. "Wally" Vensel of McKeesport, Pa., then a 26-year-old boatswain's mate, USNR, aboard LST-980,

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"Along the beaches—quiet now—the vivid memories remain."

had received lesser wounds. Thinking back, Austin says: "War has a tendency to bring people together, but it's a hell of a way to do it."

Another veteran of Omaha Beach, 79-year-old Marvin Fretwell, a Navy cook, believes many GIs were lost because of "someone's big mistake in ordering everyone into the surf with a full pack." Recalls Fretwell: "If you waded into a shell hole, the weight of your pack made your feet go out from under. A lot of our men drowned." Disregarding orders, Fretwell un-

D-DAY on the Home Front

The news of the Normandy landings came when most of the US was in bed. When they heard it, Americans reacted in moving and compelling ways.

By Lester David



That Tuesday morning, a swaying railroad train became a house of worship.

The remarkable scene, one of many hundreds of little dramas played out on the home front, unfolded on the afternoon express speeding from wartime Washington to New York City. At Philadelphia, passengers in a forward coach heard the electrifying news from others who had come aboard: "The invasion is on!"

There were no joyous outbursts, only a sudden quiet that replaced the usual conversational hum. After a moment, a man in uniform called out: "Is there a clergyman on the train?"

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An elderly priest was discovered in the next car. As dozens of people from other parts of the train crowded in, he stood in front of the coach and prayed for the success of the mighty drive. Men and women sat with bowed heads and many sank to their knees in the aisles as he spoke. While the long train was pulling into Trenton, several hundred voices were ringing out in glorious hymns of praise to God.

The incident dramatizes the mood of the nation on D-Day, June 6, 1944—40 years ago. There were no celebrations, few spontaneous eruptions of enthusiasm, certainly no parades or parties. Rather, a deep solemnity descended on Americans from coast to coast as the sudden realization hit home that the leap across the English Channel was only the initial step in a long campaign that would take a tragic toll in blood and tears.

Paradoxically, US radio networks received their first report that D-Day had come by monitoring a German radio broadcast that crackled over the air at 12:30 a.m. (Eastern War Time). It wasn't until more than three hours later, at 3:32, that the news was confirmed by London radio.

Only six minutes later, again via London radio, Americans heard Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's message to his troops as he gave the order that launched the greatest invasion in history. It began with the words that have taken their place among the great utterances of US commanders: "You are about to embark upon the 'Great Crusade' . . ."

At that time, only night workers, insomniacs and confirmed stay-ups tuned to radios knew of the invasion. The vast majority did not hear until breakfast. Almost immediately, the urge to pray swept over people in cities, in small villages and on farms.

Men and women, many carrying lunch boxes and wearing work clothes, went to houses of worship before punching time clocks. In New York City, where the oppressive heat of the day before had broken to a moderate 60 degrees, more than 1,500 persons were kneeling before 7 a.m. in the great nave of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Before the day ended, 10,000 persons streamed in.

Chicago Mayor Edward J. Kelly appealed to churches of all denominations to remain open from noon to 1 p.m. for prayer, and all complied. Many people felt no need for formal surroundings to offer prayers. On a large farm near Topeka, Kan., a dozen workers left their tractors chugging in the fields and knelt in the brown dirt. In Detroit, a woman fell to her knees in the middle of busy Woodward Ave. and motorists, understanding, care-

Trading on the New York Stock Exchange stopped as brokers bowed their heads.

fully maneuvered around her. In Covington, Ky., bus drivers reported that dozens of women recited their rosaries as they rode to jobs.

In jails, guards watched in astonishment as inmates fell to their knees in exercise yards. One of the most vicious criminals at the state prison at Ossining, N.Y. (then known as "Sing Sing") who was serving a life term, was seen weeping in his cell. Trading on the New York Stock Exchange stopped as brokers bowed their heads in silence for two minutes.

At Union Station in Washington, D.C., Charles E. Wilson, then president of General Electric Co., witnessed what he later called an unforgettable occurrence. Like all other mornings, the cavernous waiting room was filled with commuters, many in uniform, who were pouring out of trains, lined up before ticket windows and waiting on the hard benches.

Suddenly, as though a signal had been given, the hubbub ceased and a hum raced through the throng. People stopped and told each other: "The invasion's begun . . . they're landing in Normandy." Wilson, on his way to conferences at the Pentagon, wrote in *Guideposts*, a religious publication, that a hush then descended over the entire station and "a stream of sunlight fell into the waiting room as it does in a cathedral."

As though it were a sign, a woman knelt on the concrete, followed by another commuter and then by many others until all around the vast room people were on their knees, hands folded and lips moving in prayer. Several minutes later, they rose. The sudden silence was broken. The crowd went about its business.

By 6 a.m., church bells had begun pealing all across the country. In Philadelphia, the officials entrusted with the care of the 2,080-pound Liberty Bell, which had announced the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, decided to strike it lightly. The tones of the sacred bell, which cracked in 1835, were broadcast to the nation by radio. The last time that it previously had been rung was on April 6, 1917, when the US declared war on Germany.

America's wartime leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt, also prayed, first alone and then before the entire nation.

Roosevelt had gone to the home of his military aide, Maj. Gen. Edwin M. "Pa" Watson, in Charlottesville, Va., on Saturday morning, taking with him the Book of Common Prayer. He knew the invasion had been set for late Sunday and was on edge all weekend. His tension increased when a call came from the War Department that rainstorms and 45 mph winds had forced Gen. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander, to postpone the landing 24 hours.

FDR tried to mask his anxiety but his secretary, Grace Tully, was not fooled. "Every movement of his face and hands reflected the tightly contained state of his nerves," she reported. While he waited, the President himself wrote a prayer, referring frequently to the book he had brought.

On Monday morning, June 5, he returned to the White House, carrying the text of the prayer. He was awake most of Monday night, checking constantly with the Pentagon and catching news reports on the radio. On Tuesday morning, more than 200 newsmen jamming the Oval Office for a press conference found him relaxed and optimistic, although he admitted that he was a little sleepy. The invasion, he said, was on schedule.

That evening, at 10 p.m., the President led the nation in prayer in a coast-to-coast hookup of all major

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On D-Day, Philadelphia Mayor Bernard Samuels (above) tapped the Liberty Bell gently seven times, each tap representing a letter in the word "Liberty." The tones of the bell were broadcast to millions of Americans throughout the country by radio.

Should Congress Tighten The Immigration Laws?

Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo.

Current immigration laws have allowed an illegal population of between 3.5 and 6 million people to come to our country. The presence of illegal, undocumented aliens depresses the wages and working conditions of US residents, encourages the flouting of other laws and makes a mockery of our first duty as a sovereign nation: to control our own borders.

I have twice introduced and the Senate has passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act. This legislation would control illegal immigration by removing the incentive—jobs—that brings illegal aliens to this country. It would do this by making it illegal to hire an illegal alien, and by penalizing employers who *knowingly* hire such aliens. In addition to “employer sanctions,” the bill requires a secure worker verification system. It will utilize existing documents for the first three years, but, perhaps, move to a more secure system, such as a revised Social Security card. It will *not* create a “national ID card.”

Finally, the bill would increase enforcement of existing immigration laws, both at the border and internally. We set a three-pronged effort to control illegal immigration: employer sanctions, a worker verification system and increased enforcement of existing laws.

In addition, the bill would “legalize” those persons who have entered the US before Jan. 1, 1980. It does not award them “citizenship.” This is not the kind of an “amnesty” that was granted to those who avoided military service and, indeed, it is not the intent to reward illegal behavior. If we could not find these people coming in, how are we to find them to get them out?

Americans know that *legal* immigration is one of our strongest and proudest traditions. I have no desire to change that. We must close the back door to illegal immigration in order to keep the front door always open.

The American public must be able to support our nation’s immigration policy. Many polls have shown that 90 percent of the public desires immigration reform, that nearly 80 percent would favor employer sanctions and that from 65 to 75 percent of Hispanic Americans support such a program. The will of the American public is clear. As a “nation of immigrants,” there is no current issue closer to our hearts and to our heritage.

YES



Rep. Edward R. Roybal, D-Calif.

NO



There is certainly no doubt that the American people want immigration reform. The Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill would not, however, provide the reform which the nation’s immigration policy requires and would result only in an unsuccessful effort to control millions.

The legislation could not be enforced without spending millions or possibly billions of dollars.

Within the bill is a glaring contradiction. While it calls for imposition of employer sanctions in an effort to halt the influx of illegal workers into the country, it also allows for importation of foreign labor. Up to 4.5 million workers could be brought into the US without so much as a medical examination to work as seasonal laborers.

The legislation would create a practice of racial discrimination whereby employers would be forced to determine the nationality of those under their employ, a determination which would harm those of foreign appearance much more severely than the general population. Placing a stigma upon millions of American citizens is an unacceptable solution to the problem of illegal immigration.

More dangerously, the bill would create a national identification system. Such a system certainly would lead to the harassment of millions of citizens and ultimately the violation of the rights and civil liberties of every American.

What isn’t in the bill also provides reason for opposition.

To view the problem of illegal immigration as strictly a domestic concern is too narrow. The countries of origin and the causes of emigration from those countries must be taken into consideration if there is ever to be a workable solution to the problem.

Such true reform must also include increased funding for the Immigration and Naturalization Service—an agency which is now understaffed and routinely requires those who seek an adjustment of their status to wait in lines several blocks long.

By removing the bill from consideration the Speaker has provided the opportunity to draft true immigration reform by calling for a bill that answers the nation’s desire for immigration legislation reform.

America needs an immigration policy that is firm, but it cannot have such a policy at the cost of fairness. We need legislation that is both firm and fair.

The GI Bill Of Rights

The bomb burst Feb. 16, 1944. Midway in The American Legion's struggle to persuade Congress that veterans returning from WWII deserved more than a pat on the back, four other veterans' organizations delivered an open letter to every member of Congress.

"All that glitters is not gold," said the letter, which bore the signatures of officials of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Regular Veterans Association.

"Pressure is being brought to bear on the Congress to force immediate enactment of the so-called GI Bill of Rights . . . there is a serious question in the minds of some veterans' groups as to whether this [bill] is a sound and equitable solution to the problems and needs of World War II veterans . . .

"Certain features of the Bill, notably the Title on Educational Aid, are so broad in scope and potential cost that its enactment would, in our opinion, probably not prevent any consideration of several other more equitable measures, but might also subsequently jeopardize the entire structure of veterans benefits and provoke another Economy Act . . .

"The undersigned representatives of national veterans organizations representing some 555,000 members . . . urge [you] . . . not to be stampeded into possibly unwise legislation.

"Let us not have another example of 'act in haste and repent at leisure.'"

The Legion's special GI Bill Committee, formed some months earlier, reacted immediately. Chairman John Stelle, a former governor of Illinois and the Legion's prime mover in the effort to secure congressional approval

How the GI Bill came to be conceived, written and enacted is a dramatic story of Legion perseverance and achievement.

of the GI Bill, had just returned from a conference with Sen. Bennett C. Clark, D.-Mo., a Legion Founder, who had introduced the GI Bill into the Senate and was one of its staunchest advocates. The letter from the four other veterans' organizations had been addressed to him, although copies were sent to every other member of Congress as well.

"The letter is embarrassing to our friends in Congress," Stelle told the committee. "The letter can't beat the GI Bill. But Sen. Clark has asked me to get those other organizations off his neck, if we can. They offer a wonderful excuse for some other members of Congress to oppose the bill."

At length, Stelle authorized an emissary—newspaperman David Camelion, a Hearst reporter, who although not a Legionnaire was covering the fight for the GI Bill—to contact Omar B. Ketchum of the VFW and Millard Rice of the DAV, both of whom had signed

the letter, to see what could be done.

"It cannot be said today," Camelion later wrote, "that the VFW members generally agreed with their leadership . . . Not only did individual VFW members continue to support the GI Bill and keep us advised, but Rep. Pat Kearney [D.-N.Y.], who was both a Legionnaire and a Past National Commander of the VFW, worked intimately with the Legion on the internal political dilemmas the bill faced in Congress."

At length, after Camelion met with the VFW's Ketchum and that organization's legislative committee, and after the VFW recognized the soundness of the Legion position, it was persuaded to withdraw its opposition to the bill.

The DAV, however, was adamant. On Feb. 22, Rice wrote another letter, this one to Sen. Walter F. George, D.-Ga., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Renewing the DAV's attack, Rice criticized unemployment compensation provisions of the GI Bill, which provided \$20 a week for a maximum of 52 weeks for any veteran who, while looking for work, couldn't find it.

The Legion—and Sen. George, who had co-sponsored the bill in the Senate—were amazed by Rice's view that veterans would abuse "52-20," as this benefit was nicknamed. Harry W. Colmery (Kan.), a Past. Natl. Cdr. of the Legion and the man who wrote the first draft of the GI Bill, saw the problem differently. He warned that Rice and others who opposed 52-20 might make bums out of veterans by denying them the chance to make a fresh start.

The idea that produced the GI Bill first saw daylight almost five months earlier, when the Legion's 25th Na-

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the GI Bill of Rights into law on June 22, 1944, signaling the successful culmination of nine months of intense Legion activity on behalf of WWII veterans.



GI Bill

tional Convention had met in Omaha, Neb., Sept. 21-23, 1943. Recalling the reception accorded doughboys returning from WWI, the delegates adopted dozens of Resolutions urging Congress to provide WWII veterans wide-ranging assistance to cushion their transition to civilian life. They also authorized the new National Commander, Warren Atherton (Calif.), to name a special committee to develop an overall program.

Soon after the convention, Atherton conferred with Francis M. Sullivan, acting Legislative Director in Washington, on how to present the Legion mandates to Congress.

Sullivan's report was sobering. The US was heavily engaged in Italy and the South Pacific, and victory was not assured. Congress accordingly was thinking "war," not "veteran," even though thousands already had been discharged, often in shocking condition and terrible need. Also, many bills to implement Legion goals already had been introduced; if they all didn't go to the House and Senate veterans committees as a package, some would die, some would be altered and some might be rewritten so as to conflict with others.

Worst of all, Sullivan said, even if most of the bills survived, different agencies might administer them, recreating the situation that led to the VA's creation after WWI.

A single measure was needed, Atherton realized. But the immediate need was for mustering-out pay: cash for disabled veterans, hundreds of whom were being released weekly with scarcely a cent.

On Nov. 30, Atherton named a special committee headed by Stelle to organize all the other measures the Legion sought. From then on, he devoted his time to securing mustering-out pay for veterans, while Stelle's committee focused exclusively on

Key figures in the Legion's effort to secure passage of the GI Bill in 1944 included (from left) Lyon W. Brandon (Miss.); Francis Sullivan, acting legislative director; Past Nat'l. Cdr. Roane Waring (Tenn.); Past Nat'l. Cdr. John Stelle (Ill.); Rep. John Gibson, D.-Ga.; David Cameron, Hearst News Service; Past Nat'l. Cdr. Harry W. Colmery (Kan.); Sam Rorex (Ark.); Jack Cejnar, acting Legion publicity director; Pat Kelley (Ga.); T. O. Kraabel, national rehabilitation director, and Frank Riley, Hearst News Service.

molding and selling the combination bill to Congress.

After six weeks of intense and occasionally dramatic effort, Congress indeed did pass a mustering-out pay bill, although with a much lower amount than the Legion wanted.

Meanwhile, Stelle's committee met in Washington Dec. 15, and discussed ways of combining the numerous Legion mandates into a single bill. Finally, committee member Colmery walked from the Legion's Washington office to Suite 570 at The Mayflower Hotel, closed the door and sat down to write.

No one alive today knows exactly when Colmery entered the room, nor how long it took him to write—in long-hand, on hotel stationery—the first draft of what would be introduced as "The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944."

Virtually every American alive today, however, knows what Colmery wrote. He emerged with a sheaf of papers calling for:

- Educational opportunities.
- Vocational and on-the-job training.
- Readjustment allowances.
- Loan guarantees to help veterans buy homes, farms or small businesses.
- Review of discharges.
- Adequate hospitalization.
- Prompt settlement of claims.
- Mustering-out pay (eliminated after its separate enactment).
- Effective employment or placement service.
- Concentration of all veterans functions in the VA, and VA priority in hiring personnel it needed to function.

In many respects, Colmery's bill was revolutionary. Never before had any nation assured its veterans such comprehensive rehabilitation. Never had any nation restored its soldiers to a position comparable to those who had not served. Never had a nation offered its veterans such opportunities

for improvement and prosperity.

The bill's title, though, was too much of a mouthful to be memorable. Mulling the need for a catchy substitute, Jack Cejnar, acting Public Relations Director, thought aloud. Then his eyes lighted up. "The GI Bill of Rights!" he cried. So it was—and so it remains.

From then until Congress's return in early January, the Stelle committee conferred with authorities in every field covered by the bill. Education groups contributed to the bill's educational provisions; bankers and real-estate groups were consulted on loans; employment agencies contributed to titles on job placement and unemployment benefits.

Still, many "experts" said, such an "omnibus bill" might be lost in congressional jealousies and jurisdictional strife. Instead, they suggested, the Legion should submit its program in bits and pieces. But the Legion had no intention of doing so. It had vowed to address the problem of returning veterans as a whole, and it stuck to its guns.

The GI Bill was introduced into the Senate on Jan. 10, 1944, by Sen. Clark, and nine other sponsors. The next day, it was introduced into the House by Reps. John Rankin, D.-Miss., and Edith N. Rogers, R.-Mass. Simultaneously, the Legion launched a nationwide publicity campaign, calling on every Legionnaire to support the bill. A chart went up in the Washington office to show where every Congressman stood; when doubtful votes were detected, the Legion wired appropriate Departments, asking local forces to direct a flood of public opinion at the hesitant legislator.

Throughout this and subsequent Legion efforts to garner support for



the GI Bill, members of The American Legion Auxiliary performed yeoman service in handling many administrative details quickly and efficiently, in communicating their views to senators and representatives and in securing the assistance of their friends and neighbors. Without the Auxiliary's help, the GI Bill might never have come to be.

Other support mobilized. Gen. Frank T. Hines, VA administrator, gave his approval; Dr. George F. Zook, representing 22 education groups, testified in the bill's behalf before a Senate Finance subcommittee. Throughout the country, public and private groups of all kinds adopted resolutions calling for its passage.

Yet powerful opposition also was forming. On March 9, after dealing with the situation caused by the other veterans' organizations' open letter to Congress, Stelle invited representatives of the War and Navy Departments to meet with the Legion's special committee. The Army and Navy objected to the GI Bill's provision establishing a board to review discharges, and both Departments had testified before Congressional committees on this point.

In extending his invitation, Stelle specified that the War and Navy Department representatives come prepared to reach a definite agreement on all disputed portions of the bill. The conference lasted more than six hours. At last, the 15 Army and Navy officers rose to leave. "We'll have to confer with our superiors," they said.

Stelle blew up. "Gentlemen," he said, pounding the table, "our understanding was that you would come here with authority to make a decision. . . . The American Legion proposes to see that this bill is passed—and passed as it stands."

Recognizing the Legion's stature, the military representatives yielded. From then on, the War and Navy Departments unreservedly backed the GI bill.

On March 13, Sen. Clark introduced a revised version of the bill, incorporating some of the changes suggested since its original introduction in January. It was unanimously approved in committee and called up to the Senate floor with 81 co-sponsors; its passage was assured before it reached the floor. The Senate vote was unanimous; House passage seemed imminent.

Yet weeks passed without action; Rep. Rankin's committee was sitting on the bill. Finally, Legion Legislative Director Sullivan wired all Departments asking for a new flood of public opinion urging the House to quit stalling. At last, the other members of Rankin's committee simply overrode his objections—something committees rarely do. The House passed the bill May 18 by a vote of 387-0.

The House and Senate versions of the bill differed slightly. On May 21, a joint conference committee convened to iron out the differences—and Rankin was named chairman.

By June 8, the conferees had agreed on the education and loan features, but they were deadlocked over job placement, which Rankin opposed.

Under the rules, the bill would die if a majority of the committee members from both the House and the Senate did not agree on every detail. The seven Senators all were agreed, but the delegation from the House was evenly divided, with three Representatives voting for the Senate version of the bill (which the Legion backed), and three—including Rankin—opposing it.

The seventh member of the House delegation, Rep. John Gibson, D.-Ga., was known to favor the Senate version, but he was absent, having gone home to Georgia. Gibson had authorized Rankin to cast his vote for the measure by proxy, but Rankin refused to do so because he was opposed to the Senate version and Gibson's proxy vote would break the deadlock, to Rankin's displeasure.

The deadlock lasted through June 9, and the conference committee scheduled a final meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 10. After it adjourned, Rep. Pat Kearney, D.-N.Y., called Stelle and told him the bill was lost unless Rep. Gibson could be located somehow and flown to Washington by the next morning.

Less than 12 hours later, after a nearly incredible night of telephoning and a wild, 150-mile automobile ride at

AN OPEN LETTER TO:

Washington, D. C.
February 16, 1944.

Senator Bennett C. Clark, Chairman,
Senate's Sub-Committee to
Senate Finance Committee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Clark:

Everything that glitters is not necessarily gold!

Pressure is being brought to bear on the Congress to force immediate enactment of the so-called G-I Bill of Rights for the returning veterans men and women of World War II, identified as S. 1617, with amendments, now before your Committee.

Your Committee and the Congress may be interested to know that there is a serious question in the minds of some veteran groups as to whether this so-called G-I Bill of Rights, in its entirety, is a sound and equitable solution to the problems and needs of World War II veterans. Certain features of the bill, notably the Title on Educational Aid, are so broad in scope and potential cost, that its enactment, in our opinion, probably not only prevent any consideration of several other more equitable legislation to solve such problems, but, might also subsequently jeopardize the entire structure of veteran benefits and provoke another Economy Act.

Our nation's first responsibility should be to those who have suffered physical and/or mental handicap by reason of military or naval service. Any legislation which grants entitlement to four years of college training at government expense to so able-bodied veterans who had ninety days service should be carefully examined in the light of our tremendous war debt and the safety of the nation adequately to care for its war disabled.

The undersigned representatives of national veterans organizations, embracing some 550,000 members, most of whom have had, or are having, combat service—many with combat disabilities—urge your Committee carefully to consider all proposals as to post-war veteran adjustments now before the Congress, and not to be stampeded into hasty and possibly unwise legislation.

Let us not have another example of "act in haste and repent in leisure".

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Omar B. Hatchum

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Walter H. Rice

MILITARY ORDER OF PURPLE HEART

Frank H. Haley

REGULAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

W. M. Shadley

National Commander

Open letter signed by officials of four other veterans' groups opposed enactment of GI Bill.

breakneck speed through a violent thunderstorm in Georgia, Gibson stepped off a plane at Washington's airport. He was furious.

At 10 a.m. sharp, Gibson strode into the conference session. "Hello, John," someone called. "Have you got the opposition licked down in Georgia?"

"Yes," Gibson replied. "And now I've come to lick it up here." The deadlock was broken. The Senate approved the GI Bill June 12, and the House approved it June 13.

Sam Rorex (Ark.), a friend of President Roosevelt, took the bill to the White House a few days later. Roosevelt signed it June 22, with Stelle, Sullivan, National Adjutant Donald G. Glascoff, Colmery and Ralph Mitchell (aide to Natl. Cdr. Atherton) looking on.

"With the signing of this bill," said President Roosevelt "a well-rounded program of special veterans' benefits is nearly completed. It gives emphatic notice to the men and women in our armed forces that the American people do not intend to let them down . . . This bill therefore . . . provides the special benefits which are due to the members of our armed forces, for they have been compelled to make greater economic and every other kind of sacrifices than the rest of us, and are entitled to definite action to help take care of their special problem."

With that, the GI Bill of Rights—conceived, written, and shepherded through Congress by the Legion—was born. □





The Act That Changed America

No law has had more of an impact on the fabric of America than the GI Bill.

When astronaut Neil A. Armstrong set foot upon the moon in 1969, his "great leap for mankind" was made possible by a single law: The GI Bill of Rights.

If that sounds extravagant, consider the education of the engineers, the technicians, the myriad tradespeople who made that epochal journey possible.

Consider, too, that in the 40 years that have passed since the GI Bill became law, 18.2 million veterans have gained \$59 billion worth of education and training, in every field from aeronautics to zoology, from electrical engineering to plumbing, auto mechanics and truck driving.

Indeed, the GI Bill's educational

provisions have made America what it is today. Not only has a sizeable percentage of the millions of men and women who have served in the nation's armed forces since 1941 been able to gain higher education—including the teachers of other millions—but the GI Bill also has effected a significant improvement in the quality of education available throughout our society. Before WWII, a college education was beyond the means of the great majority of Americans; today, thanks to the GI Bill and other measures passed in the meantime, a college education is by no means rare.

Better yet, the bill's guaranteed and direct-loan provisions (since 1944, over 11.3 million loans, amounting to \$224 billion, have been guaranteed by the VA) not only enabled millions of ex-GIs to purchase homes, farms and small businesses, but it also acted to spur the nation's economy as a whole, as the construction industry geared up to meet the demand generated by mil-

lions of first-time home buyers. Adding extra impact to this thrust were the bill's initial expenditures of over \$4.6 billion for construction and renovation of hospitals and other facilities.

Additional "downstream" effects of the GI Bill have included increased demand for all the things a family needs in daily life: furniture, appliances, grass seed, cars, trucks, schools, highways and business locations convenient to residents of newly populated areas. Indeed, it has been said that the landscape architect of post-WWII America has been the VA loan-guarantee officer.

To ease veterans' transition back to civilian life, the original GI Bill also authorized a "readjustment allowance" of \$20 per week for up to 52 weeks while the ex-serviceman sought employment. Between 1944 and 1949, 9 million veterans took advantage of this benefit—but, on the average, they used only 17.2 weeks of the full-year eligibility. As a result, less than 20 percent of the potential total benefit under this portion of the bill ever was claimed. (That was a sharp refutation of Congressional critics of the provision, who felt that most veterans would claim the full 52 weeks of eligibility before looking for work.) The total amount expended under this title accordingly amounted to less than \$3.5 billion.

Unemployment compensation for Korean and Vietnam War veterans became the responsibility of individual states in 1952, but it still provided "breathing time" for discharged veterans unable to locate immediate employment.

These and other effects of the GI Bill are why, in the words of VA Administrator Harry N. Walters, it is widely hailed as "the most significant piece of social legislation ever passed by Congress." In sharp contrast to the economic and social upheavals that America experienced following all its previous conflicts, the US has repeatedly been able to make the transition from a wartime economy to a peacetime society virtually without tremor. No "down-and-out" veterans today peddle apples on street corners, a fairly common sight in the years that followed WWI. No groups of maladjusted ex-servicemen live in shantytowns now, and none organize marches on Washington to demand bonuses or other benefits.

All in all, the GI Bill of Rights and its successors have enabled millions of ex-GIs in three wars to benefit, rather than suffer, from their service to the nation. Forty years after its birth, the GI Bill stands as a model of enlightened social legislation to every other nation in the world. □

POST OF THE MONTH

Fairfax Post 554

Winning the Peace Through Service

Eddie Cantor would have loved it. The famous vaudeville, radio, movie and television star from the 1930s to the '50s was devoted not only to winning the war but also to "winning the peace." He teamed with the Legion during WWII to start a "Gifts For Yanks" program that sent thousands of Christmas gifts to soldiers recuperating in hospitals at home and abroad.

"Winning the peace" has special meaning for members of Edward C. Gehlert Post 554, Fairfax, Ohio, a Cincinnati suburb. Founded in 1922, the active, 332-member Post aims to excel in veteran and community service, said Post Cdr. Robert Maness, a nine-year Legionnaire and a Marine veteran of the Korean War.

Assisted by an active Auxiliary of about 200, a Junior Auxiliary and an SAL program, Cdr. Maness, Post Adj. John Gionet and Service Officer Ralph Weir have helped lead Post 554 in winning the Ohio Department's "Gifts For Yanks" contest in each of the last four years. In 1983, the Post contributed \$16,554 to the campaign, nearly 8 percent of the Department's total \$208,000. The Post also has an active core of volunteers, including Jesse Keller, VAVS representative and District Service Officer.

"Post members have contributed



Past Post Cdr. William Reese and Legionnaires Joseph Waltz and John Esswein (left to right) display the van Post 554 bought for the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, just one of many ways this Post of the Month reaches out to hospitalized veterans in the Department of Ohio.

countless hours of service to the Cincinnati VA Medical Center," said Dept. Adj. J. P. Hone. They run games for patients, take patients to baseball games and other athletic events, and treat them to canoe trips and dinners at the Post. On each New Year's Eve since 1981, volunteers have also run a "Monte Carlo Night" to raise funds for hospitalized veterans.

Post 554's dedication is recognized widely. Says Fairfax Mayor Ronald Cribbet, "They've had a terrific impact here. They don't like to brag about themselves, but the rest of us in town know that this Post is one of the nicest things ever to happen to Fairfax. We have a better community today because it is here."

Post members are village leaders, including Police Chief Daniel Chilton. Others serve on the village council and as active volunteers in the fire department and emergency rescue squad. Post 554 also sponsors—and supplies much of the leadership for—a Cub Scout Pack, a Boy Scout Troop, two baseball teams and helps other Fairfax youth programs as well.

Members raise funds for the fire de-

partment and emergency squad. They bought ambulances for Fairfax and the Cincinnati VA Medical Center.

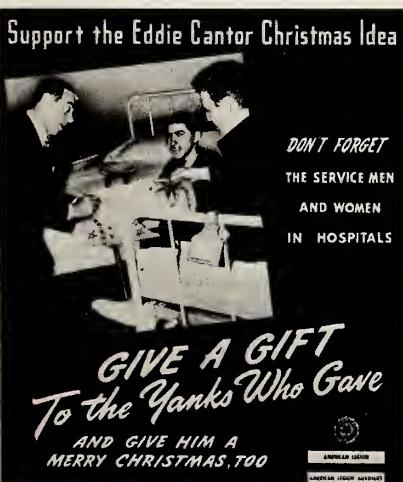
The 13-year-old Post home, complete with kitchen and banquet facilities, is a center of community activity. Members stage a Christmas party there each year for Fairfax children; the local Fraternal Order of Police Chapter and its auxiliary use the home for regular meetings, and a weekly diet workshop meets there, too.

Members of the Post are also active at the Department level, including William Welsh, Americanism Director for Ohio.

It is its sense of continued obligation to veterans and the community that makes Post 554 outstanding. It gives life to the challenge that Cantor made in an article he wrote for THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE in 1946:

"To the Legion, the Auxiliary and all other Americans, I want to make just one suggestion: let's not forget the war and the men who fought it, and we may stand a chance of winning the peace, too."

Post 554 is certainly doing its part. □



Eddie Cantor teamed up with the Legion to help hospitalized veterans, and Post 554 continues that tradition.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Keeping America's Promises To All of Our Veterans



Promises, and making sure they're kept, are what the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission and its staff are all about.

Among these are promises that wounded veterans get needed treatment, rehabilitation and economic help; promises that veterans' widows and dependents do not suffer; promises

Demonstrating the Legion's concern for veterans, Nat'l. Cdr. Keith Kreul visits a GI wounded in Grenada at a hospital in Washington, D.C.

that physical and mental scars won't be left unattended.

"If there is one challenge that has endured throughout the Legion's 65 years, it is service to veterans, their widows and orphans," said William F. Lenker, National Chairman of the VA&R Commission. Through four wars, the Legion has kept its promise to veterans.

When the Legion's Founders met in Paris, their principal concern was to ensure that their wounded comrades would not be forgotten. At its third National Convention in 1921, the Legion formed a Rehabilitation Committee; later, the Committee became a Commission. In 1970, the group was renamed the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, recognizing expansion of the Legion's goals and the Commission's scope.

The VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION Commission usually receives more than 100 proposed Resolutions from each National Convention. Working with Department, District and Post Service Officers, VA&R is the one Legion activity, Lenker explained, "that operates as a consumer advocate on behalf of all American veterans."

The 45-member national staff is the largest of any Legion division. Director Robert E. Lynch, an Army Air Corps veteran of WWII, has served the Legion and its members for nearly 30 years. Assisting Lynch in Washington is Deputy Director John F. Sommer Jr., a combat medic in Vietnam, who now is the Legion's "point man" on such issues as Agent Orange, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and atomic radiation exposure. Lynch, Sommer and other staff members often testify before Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees, making clear the Legion's advocacy on behalf of all veterans with rehabilitation problems.

Other staffers include Thomas

Schneiders, assistant director; William C. Anderson, special assistant; Rodney S. Kirk, information specialist; Dr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald, medical consultant; Sharon A. Mather, Sylvia J. Salaz, Eva Bowden, secretaries, and Kusum Joshi, medical secretary.

The staff has six field service specialists who visit VA medical facilities and talk to veterans and doctors. Field service specialists also report on these visits to Legion and VA officials and members of Congress.

Three staff members work to secure and correct service disability records where necessary. Last year, the Legion represented more than 7,000 cases before the Board of Veterans Appeals and more than 2,000 cases before the Discharge Review and Corrections Board.

The front line in seeing that the government keeps its promise to care for needy veterans, however, is far from Washington: it's in hometowns all across America, where Legion Post, District and Department service officers work. Many are volunteers, especially at Posts and Districts, but their skills are far from amateur.

"These service officers are essential in getting help to veterans," Lenker said, "regardless of whether the veteran is a Legionnaire. The service officers link a call for help to the proper source. We can't overemphasize the importance of their work."

Many times, service officers have to make second and third contacts with VA officials, especially when initial claims are denied or disability ratings are set too low, Lyngh said. If the VA is still reluctant to make the decision the Legion service officer believes is warranted, the professional staff at the Department or national level takes over the case.

For example, in March 1984, Sommer testified on PTSD before a congressional committee. The VA's treatment of these veterans was "inconsistent throughout the system," he said, adding that some VA physicians don't recognize PTSD as a diagnosable and treatable condition, a viewpoint that might be the result of some examining physicians not being veterans themselves.

Here again, Sommer said, "The reports from service officers were critical. I had specific examples from Legion service officers and our field

service representatives of virtually uninformed and insensitive examinations being conducted, examinations that failed to identify what appeared to us to be obvious cases of PTSD."

Protecting veterans' rights is an ongoing responsibility, but making veterans aware of their benefits is an equally demanding task. "There are still far too many veterans who do not know just what they are entitled to and what to do to get help," Lyngh said, noting again the importance of the service officers in publicizing these programs.

The Legion, through VA&R and related programs, has helped virtually millions of veterans since WWI. More recently, the Commission recognized in the early years of the Vietnam War that the use of defoliants, particularly Agent Orange, could have lasting and perhaps sinister consequences for the thousands of soldiers exposed to it. Accordingly, the Legion succeeded in getting Congress to appropriate funds for a study to identify these problems.

Currently, the Legion is evaluating results of a study of Vietnam veterans it conducted in conjunction with Columbia University. The study was designed to identify, among other things, the readjustment problems the veterans have faced, what the VA and other agencies have done to help alleviate those problems and, most important,

what these agencies should do to meet Vietnam veterans' needs better.

On other fronts, VA&R backed the call for VA drug abuse treatment centers and for liberalizing VA housing regulations to include homes especially adapted for the handicapped. It also supported creation of and continuing appropriations for Vet Centers, where Vietnam veterans with readjustment problems may go for counseling.

"Through VA & R and related programs, the Legion has helped millions of Veterans since WWI."

"All in all," Lyngh said, "the Legion has either sponsored or endorsed more than 90 percent of all veterans' benefit legislation adopted by Congress since the Legion's founding in 1919."

Lenker added, "We Legionnaires active in the VA&R program know it is our responsibility to defend those veterans' programs on behalf of our less fortunate comrades and their survivors. That's what the VA&R Commission is all about." □



Legion officials (here, led by Natl. Cdr. Kreul) often testify before Congress on legislation benefiting veterans.

Veterans Preference Act 40th Anniversary Slated

The 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Veterans Preference Act of 1944 will be marked by special ceremonies in Washington, D.C., June 25.

Natl. Cdr. Keith Kreul and Donald J. Devine, director of the federal Office of Personnel Management, which administers the act, will take part in ceremonies marking the occasion at OPM headquarters. President Reagan, who has proclaimed June "Veterans Preference Month," is scheduled to host a reception in the White House Rose Garden later that day.

Signed on June 27, 1944, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the act enabled millions of veterans to find jobs that might otherwise have been closed to them. Today, some 43 percent of all federal employees are veterans, and a sizeable percentage of regional, state, county and local government employees.

"I believe," Roosevelt said upon signing the act into law, "that the federal government, functioning in its capacity

as an employer, should take the lead in assuring those who are in the armed forces that, when they return, special consideration will be given them in their efforts to obtain employment.

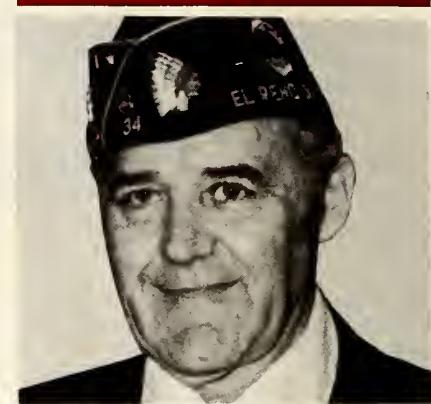
"It is absolutely impossible to take millions of our young men out of their normal pursuits for the purpose of fighting to preserve the nation and then expect them to resume their normal activities without having any special consideration shown them."

The American Legion has long been a champion of the act, and has fought to keep it on the books.

Other observances of the act's 40th anniversary include a special commemorative cancellation stamp, prepared by the US Postal Service for use on a one-day cover and six months' use thereafter by the OPM. An art exhibit centered on the theme of veterans preference also will be on display at OPM headquarters. A special poster also has been designed; 10,000 copies of it will be supplied to other government departments and agencies. □



President Ronald Reagan (left) displays his pleasure at being inducted as an honorary member of ANAVICUS (Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada, US Unit). The ceremony was held at the White House on Tuesday, Feb. 28, during the Legion's annual Washington Conference. Shown with the President are (left to right) Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind.; Past Natl. Cdr. Daniel F. Foley (Minn.), ANAVICUS president, and Ron Dunne, Canadian president.



Jim Gilmore

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH

When the foot-stompin' music starts on stage at El Reno (Okla.) Post 34, there'll be a guitar-playing singer wearing a cap with the Department emblem on it he designed.

That'll be James T. Gilmore, June's "Legionnaire of the Month."

A Navy veteran of WWII and a Legionnaire for 28 years, Gilmore is the band leader and a physical education teacher and athletic director at Putnam City High School, in a suburb of Oklahoma City.

Gilmore has served two terms as Post Commander, and is currently a trustee. He has served as Boys State Chairman and worked on education and scholarship committees. At Christmas, he leads high school students in a "Gifts For Yanks" program at the Oklahoma City VA hospital. He also arranges Memorial Day services at two cemeteries. In recent years, he signed up more than 100 members annually, a step that has helped increase the Post's membership from about 400 to over 1,000 today.

In the department, Gilmore has served as director of the regional oratorical contest. He worked for the state's adoption of the now-annual "Fly The Flag Day," and was responsible for making an Indian head the Oklahoma Legion symbol. He is a member of the Department Executive Committee and the National Americanism Commission. For all of this and more, he was named Oklahoma "Legionnaire of the Year" in 1982. □

Flag Etiquette:

A True Color Guard

Americans, and Legionnaires in particular, won't stand for disrespect for the flag.

For example, when a group of delegates to the Legion's 1983 National Convention in Seattle saw Old Glory flying in the darkness one night, they rounded up flashlights, gathered at the base of the flagpole and stood watch until dawn.

What's wrong with flying the flag outside in darkness? Can't a flag be flown when it rains or snows? May a civic leader order the flag to half staff?

For civilians, the display, use, respect and customs regarding the flag were established in 1942 when Title 36 of the US Code was passed. Paragraphs 170-178 of the act are commonly referred to as the Flag Code. The code remained nearly unchanged until the Bicentennial in 1976 when substantial changes were made.

For instance, the code once read, "It is the universal custom to display the flag (in the open) only from sunrise to sunset." That rule was amended after many Americans flew the flag 24 hours a day, lighting it at night. Now, the code allows nighttime displays if the flag is illuminated by lights placed there for that purpose only.

Science, particularly the development of new, synthetic materials, also has had an effect on the code. Flags made of nylon or similar materials may be flown in rain or snow.

A flag is flown at half-staff only on the order of either the President or a

governor. It is flown at half-staff for 30 days for the death of a President and fewer numbers of days for different national and state leaders. An exception to this occurred when the 241 servicemen were killed in the terrorist bombing in Beirut. At the order of the President, flags were kept at half staff 30 days as a sign of national mourning.

If the flag is to be flown at half-staff, it is lowered slowly to the middle position on a pole after it is first raised quickly to the top. If the pole is short and the flag would touch the ground at half-staff, the flag may be higher.

The Flag Code also requires that the flag be flown at half-staff from sunrise to noon on Memorial Day.

If an organization wishes to acknowledge the death of one of its leaders, only its flag may be at half-staff. No flag is to be flown above the American flag.

Different rules exist for flags flown indoors. For instance, at Post and other meetings inside buildings, the flag on a staff is to be on the audience's left. If not on a staff, it should be suspended flat with the Union (stars on the blue field) in the upper left when viewed by the audience.

A flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Some Posts provide such a service. In any case, the flag should be destroyed as discreetly as possible, and the material from the flag may not be used for any other purpose.

The flag should never be used as

wearing apparel, and no part of it should be used as a costume or athletic uniform. A flag patch may be worn on the uniform of military personnel, firemen and policemen and members of patriotic organizations. If a lapel pin is worn, it should be worn on the left lapel.

Although the Flag Code covers many ways to display the flag, it cannot cover every situation. Good taste and common sense usually will lead to the proper display.

For answers to specific questions about flag etiquette, write National Emblem Sales. Single copies of a booklet, "Let's Be Right On Flag Etiquette," which contains the Flag Code, are 20 cents each. Single copies of the Flag Code alone are 10 cents. Bulk order discounts are available. □

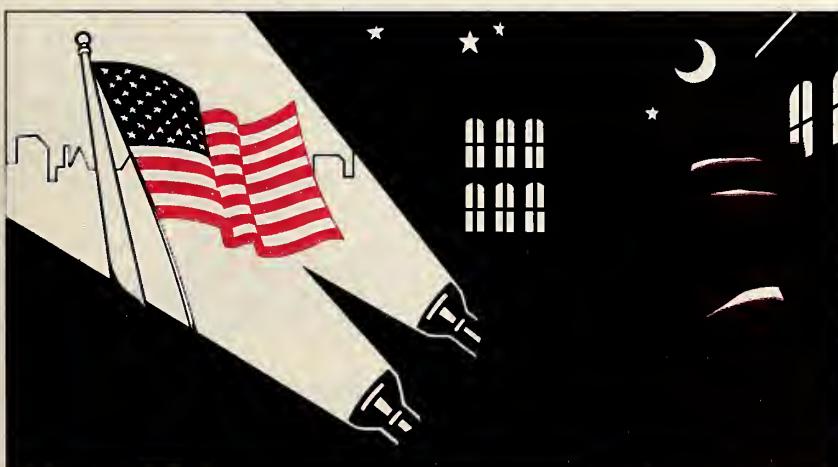
Let's Help Honor America

The 21 days between Flag Day, June 14, and Independence Day, July 4, 1984, will mark a special celebration to "Honor America."

The observance is a national project of the American Historic and Cultural Society, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. It has been designated by Congress as a period to "honor America [with] public gatherings and activities."

The society is asking Legion Posts and individual Legionnaires to help in this observance by:

- Pausing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m. (EDT), June 14.
- Organizing a local "Honor America" program.
- Displaying the flag throughout the three weeks.
- Supporting arts and crafts workshops that demonstrate pioneer skills.
- Organizing folk festivals with traditional costumes, dances and foods.
- Encouraging local newspapers, radio and television stations to publicize the celebration.
- Asking merchants to include "Honor America" notes in their advertisements to encourage participation in local programs.
- Suggesting to shopping center managers that they, too, promote "Honor America" with special displays and programs involving local service clubs and youth groups. □



Legion Supports WWI Pensions of \$150 per month for WWI veterans whose yearly income does not exceed \$12,000 if the veteran is married, or those with annual incomes of \$10,000 or less who are single, divorced or widowed. The payments would be made without regard to the size of the veteran's or his spouse's estate, and without regard to income of any kind payable only to the veteran's spouse.

The provisions are basically those of a bill, H.R. 1369, introduced last year by Rep. Douglas Applegate, D.-Ohio. As introduced, the bill contained income maximums of \$10,000 for married veterans and \$8,000 for single ones. The Legion, however, has notified Rep. Applegate of its support for the higher figures, as mandated by Resolution 195 (Ohio), approved at the 1983 National Convention.

If the bill is passed, payments would be made to any veteran meeting the income requirements who served for at least 90 days during WWI (April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918), or whose 90-day service either began or ended during WWI. Payment also would be made to qualified WWI veterans who were discharged or released from the service with a service-connected disability, and those qualified veterans with an aggregate of 90 days' service or more in two or more separate periods of service during more than one period of war.

The bill has been supported in testimony before the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee by Natl. Cdr. Keith Kreul and before a subcommittee of the House Veterans Affairs Committee by Deputy VA&R Director John F. Sommer Jr.

"We of The American Legion," Sommer testified in his appearance before the House Veterans Affairs subcommittee, "believe it is time to provide this measure of special protection for the veterans of WWI. The program proposed in H.R. 1369 is, we feel, a modest one. It is within the bounds of fiscal possibility and would be a modest gesture to assure these proud and respected veterans a certain measure of economic security."

Nearly 50,000 Veterans Will Benefit from a rollback in National Service Life Insurance term policy premiums, to take effect Sept. 1, 1984. The rollback will affect only veterans over the age of 70 who have retained their NSLI term policies.

Even though renewal premium rates are costly, the VA continues to experience a high rate of renewals by older term-insurance policyholders. More than 78 percent of term policyholders aged 80 in 1983 continued their coverage at a monthly rate of \$150.40 for \$10,000 worth of coverage.

Under the new procedure, all term-insurance policyholders who have renewed their policies at age 71 or above will have their premiums rolled back to the age-70 renewal premium rate of \$6.18 per \$1,000 coverage. Policyholders who are below age 70 will have their premiums capped at their first renewal beyond age 70. That is, a policyholder who renewed a policy at age 68 would continue to pay \$5.18 per month for each \$1,000 of coverage for the five-year re-

newal period. When he reaches age 73, the policy would be renewed at the age-70 renewal rate.

This change requires *no action by policyholders*. Renewal notices will continue to be mailed in advance of the effective dates and will reflect the lower rates for veterans affected by the change.

Want To Do Business with the VA? Last September, the VA issued its Circular 00-83-33 urging all VA facilities to identify small businesses owned and operated by Vietnam-era veterans and disabled veterans, and to help these small companies compete for VA business.

Now, the VA's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization has a publication, "VA Reaches Out to Veterans in Business," that outlines VA purchasing procedures and lists the kinds of items the VA buys.

You can get a copy of the publication by writing to the VA, Washington, D.C. 20402, or by contacting the chief of supply at any VA medical center.

Your Eligibility for Benefits won't be affected in the slightest degree if you're asked to complete a questionnaire the next time you visit a VA medical center. The questionnaire is part of a study to determine what impact a user fee for VA services might have on patients. The study will be conducted in VA medical centers in California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

"Department Service Officers should reassure veterans that their answers will not affect their entitlement," said VA&R Director Robert E. Lynch. "If the study ultimately results in proposals to limit eligibility, however, the Legion will use all its influence to maintain current standards."

Former POWs Get More VA benefits, under Public Law 97-37, the "Former Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 1981." Now, the VA is acting to ensure that every ex-POW gets the word. PL 97-37 broadened the VA's authority to provide health care for ex-POWs and liberalized rules for determining whether compensation can be paid for certain medical conditions.

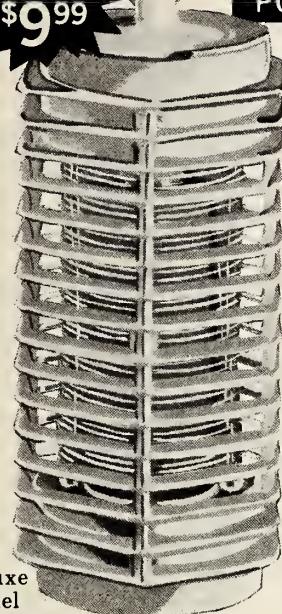
The VA has now established that certain diseases are presumably related to POWs' wartime experiences. These diseases include chronic dysentery, helminthiasis, pellegra, beriberi, avitaminosis, optic atrophy and peripheral neuropathy, psychosis, any of the anxiety states including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and dysthmic disorder or depressive neurosis.

Any former POW who was detained or interned for 30 days or more and who became disabled by any of these conditions at any time following his release from military service will be presumed to have incurred the condition during his service.

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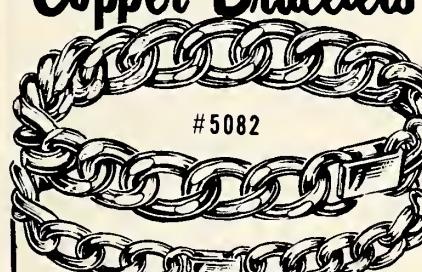
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NEWS TO USE

Minivans Are Hot New Items in the automotive field this year. (They're a cross between a station wagon and a full-sized van.) Manufacturers can't keep up with orders. Attractions include maneuverability, compactness, seating for up to seven and reduced sway. Prices range from about \$10,000 to \$12,000. Meanwhile, sales of all types of utility vehicles continue to boom.

Computer Repairmen Will Be Needed in increasing numbers over the next 10 years, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A related trade, office machine repairing, also will grow rapidly, the bureau says. To make a career in these crafts, sign on with a major manufacturer, start your own business or get into a franchise operation.

Single Blood Pressure Readings may not be typical; multiple readings tend to be more accurate, say medical experts. A number of do-it-yourself battery-powered electronic devices are appearing on the market. These devices, priced around \$80 each, enable you to take your own blood pressure and pulse daily, simply by wrapping a cuff around your arm and inflating it. The results appear on a digital readout. However, leave interpretation of your blood pressure and pulse to your physician. "Normal" readings vary widely.

You Can't Get Lung Cancer from "smokeless tobaccos," also known as snuff, now being pushed by tobacco manufacturers in response to recent increases in the number of anti-smoking rules and more stringent industrial safety requirements. But, warns the American Cancer Society, the newly fashionable cigarette substitutes could cause oral cancer.

College Will Cost 8 Percent More next fall. That's down from the 12 percent to 14 percent average increases recorded at the beginning of the 1983-1984 school year last September. Still, it's enough to bring the price of an education in a top-notch private college or university to about \$13,000 a year. The figure includes room, board and tuition, but no other incidental costs. Even more increases are likely in the future, although they probably won't be as large.

Take Inventory of What You Own to fortify claims in case of fire or theft and to establish tax losses, the Insurance Information Institute urges. Either make a list of your possessions or take photos or videotapes, the institute suggests. Its free booklet, "Taking Inventory," shows you what to do and provides space for listing your items (call 800-221-4954 toll-free to get a copy). *Tip:* Keep one copy of your inventory away from home, in case of residence fire. A safety deposit box at your bank is ideal.

If You Can't Write a Check on money you've just deposited with your commercial bank, it's because your bank requires a waiting period of between a few days and two weeks to permit deposited checks to "clear" the bank upon which they have been drawn. Yet, because of mounting complaints from customers, the American Bankers Association and state legislatures are forcing banks to speed up their clearance procedures. That's because the advent of computer technology and "electronic fund transfers" make faster clearings possible—and because, if you can't have immediate or nearly immediate access to funds you've just deposited, you've, in effect, handed your bank an interest-free loan. New York state has just enacted a law making clearance mandatory in from one to eight days. Ask your bank for its schedule. But note, too, that credit unions and thrift institutions always will clear slower than commercial banks, for technical reasons.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

CIA

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Q. Have you had problems with leaks on Capitol Hill?

A. Occasionally, but I consider that part of the process. It is not something that happens often. And the record shows that such leaks usually are unintentional.

Q. Since the CIA can only operate abroad, does this make it more difficult to counter terrorism and espionage *within* the US?

A. There is very close and effective cooperation between the CIA and FBI. We pick up a lot of information abroad. We get advance notice about who is coming in and why they are coming. We pass this data on to the FBI and they take over from there. The FBI, like every organization, has problems but it's doing a good job. It has increased the number of agents, its resources and its technical capabilities to deal with the rising threat of hostile intelligence and terrorist threats. It isn't only the Soviets who steal our secrets, by the way. The East bloc countries do a lot of it for them. The FBI has to handle all such problems in this country.

Q. We repeatedly hear that the Russian people, including many of that nation's officials, are fed up with Communism. Should we be doing anything to encourage more defections?

A. Sure we should. The Soviets have lost agents through defection and others have been expelled—more lately than in a very long time. I think to some extent that has been caused by cooperation and effective work among the intelligence services of the western world.

Q. Does Andropov's death and Chernenko's appointment portend any real change in Soviet behavior?

A. Only that the older leadership is still not prepared to see power go to the next generation. Also, you must recognize that the Communists rule by a committee or group system. Who's on top seems to have made little difference since the days of Stalin.

Q. What do you consider the primary weakness of the Soviet system?

A. The rigidity and ineffectiveness of their bureaucratic control system and the stifling effect that has on the Russian people and their economic and social systems. This is overlaid on intense demographic problems—a large and rapidly growing percentage of non-Slavic Soviet peoples do not fully identify with the Soviet state or the ruling elite.

"Communists rule by a committee system. Who's on top [has] made little difference since Stalin."

Q. Do you see any real hope of Communist Russia ever abandoning its goals of world domination, or finally getting together with us and trying to achieve some kind of peaceful settlement of our differences?

A. It would be very difficult to identify any time when that might happen. Of course, you hope and pursue whatever possibilities open up. We hope their sanity will return one day and that they will see the folly of simply building up huge armaments and turn, instead, to joining us in building a better world. □

CIA Director Casey during interview with Legion Magazine's editor-in-chief.



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

5 WAR LOAN RALLY

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Sales of US War Bonds spurred on D-Day. Here, a group of New York City high school students is shown at a rally in midtown Manhattan.

"Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness in their hearts, steadfastness in their faith . . . They will be sore tired, by night and by day, without rest—until victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violence of war.

"For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good-will among all Thy people. They fight for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

"Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom . . .

"With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogance . . .

"Thy will be done, Almighty God.

"Amen."

The President told his wife, Eleanor, the news before she went to

bed on Monday, June 5. Mrs. Roosevelt was up most of the night, she told her press conference the next morning, trying to catch reports on the radio—and worrying. She summed up the prevailing mood of the nation when she said: "This is not a happy day. People must go through

anxiety, suffering, loss." She added that "America's women will undergo this ordeal in the same courageous way they have met all the tests in the nation's history."

The business, commercial and recreational life of the country was significantly affected. All ball games in the National League were postponed; none had been scheduled in the American League. Around the US, tracks suspended flat and harness racing. Most large stores closed early and sent their employees home.

In movie houses, which were sparsely attended, news bulletins were typed or written on slides and inserted between the frames of the films. Before the stage show began at the Paramount Theatre in New York, bandleader Charlie Spivak asked the audience to stand and pray silently.

Phones began ringing at Red Cross blood banks shortly after dawn. At the Washington center, volunteers had to be recruited to handle the calls and the donors, who crowded into the offices waiting to donate their blood. The

New York bank collected 1,764 pints and booked more than 2,000 appointments for the next few days. Donations at the Chicago headquarters were double that of the day before, and at Indianapolis the total given was 800 percent higher.

People gave not only their blood but also their money. That day alone, according to the Civilian Defense Volunteer Organization, sales of saving stamps and bond pledges topped \$3 million, more than four times the total of the day before. Cash-ins of war bonds dropped by 10 percent. A \$16 billion war loan drive had been scheduled to begin June 12. Community after community reported people rushing to buy bonds and that quotas assigned were oversubscribed.

In veterans' hospitals, the word flashed from ward to ward and men clustered around radios all day long. Maps were produced, unfolded and followed, with nurses as engrossed as their patients. At Halloran General on Staten Island, N.Y., a 24-year-old buck sergeant, wounded in the invasion of Sicily the year before, struck his bed with a fist and said between clenched teeth: "Damn, why couldn't I be with them?" *The New York Times* reported that the sentiment was echoed by many other men, there and in other hospitals.

In St. Louis, Mo., a 21-year-old office worker rose from her knees in church and, instead of heading for her job, went straight to the recruiting and induction center of the Office of Naval Procurement to enlist in the Waves. In New York, a 46-year-old woman went shopping, learned the news when she saw a sign on a store, "Closed—This is D-Day," and took the subway to the WAC recruiting and induction headquarters. She explained she had a son in England who was probably with the invasion forces.

They were hardly unique. In every city, recruiting offices were flooded with applications from women of all ages who sought to enlist in branches of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve. The Waves reported a 100-percent rise in enrollments. In Newark, N.J., WAC enlistments were triple those of the day before.

There was no commercial television, of course, to report the news, but radio and the newspapers tossed ev-

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erything else aside when the word came. Papers in Los Angeles, Detroit and New York published "extras" which contained no advertisements, to give as much space as possible to the invasion. The *New York Herald Tribune* devoted 35 full columns to the assault. In Los Angeles, the *Times* and the *Examiner* used eight-inch-high type, "INVASION." All newspapers reported huge surges in circulation. The *Daily News* in New York sold 400,000 more copies that day for a total of 2,424,161, and the *Chicago Tribune* went up by 100,000 to top 1 million. Many radio stations cancelled all regular commercial broadcasts and even omitted commercials to give more time to the news.

Reports of funny things, curious things came from all over:

In Norfolk, Va., a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Edwards. They named her Dee Day. In Dallas, Tex., another baby girl was named Invasia.

In Chicago, a veteran of WWI donned his uniform, complete with medals, and vowed to wear it daily until he was certain of the success of the D-Day landings.

In Reno, Nev., where wide-open gambling was legal, all of the gaming

establishments shut down.

In Atlanta, prisoners in a federal penitentiary received permission to wear earphones, through which they usually heard radio programs during certain hours, all through the day.

In Fort Worth, Tex., a murder trial was under way. When the judge heard the invasion had started, he ordered the lawyers to suspend presentation of their testimony to enable everyone in the courtroom to listen to the news from Normandy.

From every section of the country, word came that day and the days that followed that workers in war plants and on farms were setting new production records and absenteeism was hitting new lows. In Columbus, Ohio, a week later, factory officials proudly announced that production of Curtiss Helldiver planes took a sharp upward spurt. The Remington-Rand Co. of Ilion, Ill., reported women workers were making the 103 bomb fuse in record time.

So it went. The home front was quietly confident, hungry for news, ready to give and to work, and above all else, prayerful as the soldiers, sailors and airmen stormed across the English Channel and onto the beaches of France. □



Members of the US House of Representatives stood for a minute of silent prayer on D-Day, after a message from President Roosevelt.

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D-DAY + 40 YEARS

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landed about 250 Canadian soldiers on Gold Beach, east of the US sector. The ship also carried tanks, armored vehicles, ammunition and 14 two-wheeled trailer tanks filled with 14,000 gallons of high-octane gasoline. "In the confusion it took nearly two hours to unload everything," Vensel remembers, "and we were strafed by one or more German planes flying only 50 to 75 feet over the beach. Luckily, we didn't take a direct hit. But I'm afraid most of the troops we carried in on the first wave were wiped out."

Fred Alles of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a chief radioman with the Coast Guard, was on LCI-86, a 125-foot landing craft that never landed. "We spent most of the D-Day ferrying officers from ship to ship just off shore, including on one shuttle trip, Gen. Omar Bradley," Alles recalls. "We were shot at all day long, but never got hit."

Not all of the D-Day action was on land and sea. Clifford W. Hagen, of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., was a 24-year-old lieutenant in the Army Air Corps whose job it was to fly one of the first contingents of 82nd Airborne troops behind enemy lines. "After dropping the troops, our C-47 got shot up pretty bad and we lost the hydraulics," Hagen remembers. "As we limped in for a landing at our base near Nottingham, England, we tied parachutes to the seats and floated them out the hatches to slow the craft down. With no brakes or flaps, it was a hot landing, but we survived!"

The veterans who lived through



French civilians erected this tribute to a US soldier killed on D-Day at Carentan, France.

D-Day and beyond often wonder how they survived. They also have strong feelings about war and peace.

As an ordnance company sergeant, it was John Bauman's job to land on Omaha Beach and set up an ammunition depot. "On the way in," he says, "the LST right next to ours was blown sky high. Shells were geysering all around us, and I wanted to land, but quick!" Once ashore, Bauman and his men set up their ammo dump, the first on Omaha. "We were a prime target but never got hit." The sergeant himself came through the entire war without a scratch—"but I sure wouldn't want to do it again!"

After the war, Bauman married the girl he had met back at his base in Weymouth, England. For 28 years, he taught in military dependent schools, 13 of the years in West Germany. "If I've learned anything from my experiences," he says, "it is that we've got to have better communications among people so there'll never be another world war."

Peace is uppermost in the minds of the people of Normandy, as well.

Andre Feuille saw more than enough of war. Now 71, he still lives in Ste. Mere-Eglise where on D-Day plus one, he helped gather up and bury the remains of between 200 and 300 American airborne troops killed in the fierce fighting in and around the ancient crossroads town, a cannon-shot away from Utah Beach. "The Americans fought so magnificently," he told this reporter. "We can never forget what they did for us. Future generations also must not forget."

Michel de Vallavielle, the longtime mayor of Ste. Marie-du-Mont, immediately behind Utah Beach, also is determined to provide a lasting memorial to D-Day.

The diminutive mayor, now 64, bears few scars from his wounds—and no grudges. "C'est la guerre," he says with a shrug and smile. "The important thing is that we always remember the sacrifices of our liberators."

Similar sentiments were voiced by Mme. Lucienne Guillot, though nine members of her family, including her mother and father, were killed in the bombing and shelling that devastated much of Normandy. "We had to pay the price," she told the American journalists in Bayeux, where she now lives. "The lesson is very simple: We

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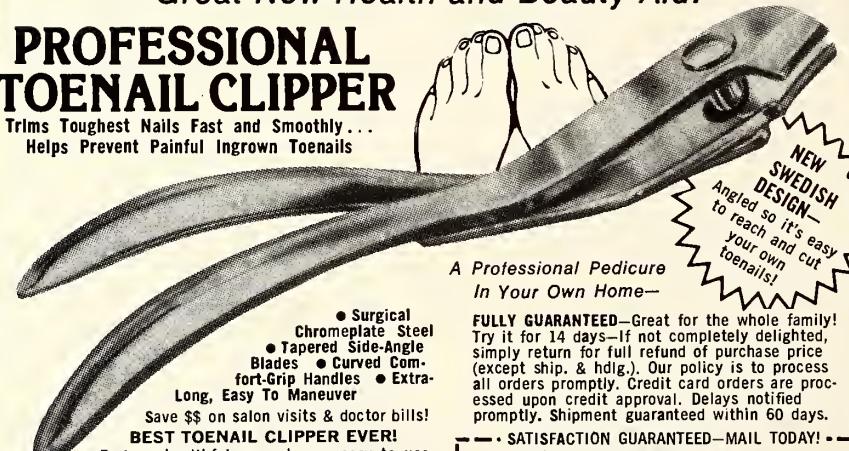
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must remain strong. We must defend ourselves. We must prepare for war if we want peace."

Like many other French citizens, Mme. Guillot often visits the American cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer to walk beside the graves of the 9,386 Americans and to place flowers in the Garden of the Missing, bearing the names of 1,557 others. "I am sad for these brave young Americans who came from so far away, to die for us. We can never forget them. But I am also

The Friendly Invasion

French authorities are going all-out to pay tribute to the historic landings and to the soldiers who served in the "Great Crusade" to liberate Europe. Charles Emmons, an official at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, who is helping to coordinate the 40th anniversary events, says: "We expect the largest turnout ever." The *Comite du Debarquement*, France's official D-Day commemoration committee, anticipates that at least 100,000 overseas visitors will crowd the 50-mile stretch of allied invasion beaches on June 6.

President Reagan is expected to deliver an address that day at the US cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, overlooking Omaha Beach. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will visit Gold and Sword beaches, where men of England and the Commonwealth landed. And Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau is due at Juno Beach, where the 3rd Canadian Division disembarked 40 years ago. French President Francois Mitterrand will host many of the ceremonies.

American Legion Nat'l. Cdr. Keith Kreul will participate in D-Day ceremonies. Representatives of the seven US infantry divisions that fought in Normandy—the 1st, 2nd and 29th at Omaha Beach and the 4th, 9th, 79th and 90th at Utah Beach—also will be on hand, as well as about 200 veterans of the 101st and 82nd airborne divisions and a handful of former Rangers, survivors of the commando assault on Pointe-du-Hoc.

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A highlight of the observance at Utah Beach will be the dedication of a 24-foot obelisk, erected by the American Battle Monuments Commission. Helicopters will fly in some of the 20,000 visitors expected to witness the 5 p.m. ceremony on June 6. There'll be field kitchens and first aid tents, reminiscent of wartime.

With hotels from Cherbourg to Dieppe booked solid for the anniversary, many as long as two years ago, the French government railway plans to roll some 60 sleeping cars onto sidings in the area. More than 2,000 local residents have opened their homes, free to individual veterans unable to find accommodations elsewhere. Called "The Normans Remember," the volunteer gesture is evidence of an enduring gratitude to the allied liberators.

Hundreds of day trips from Paris have been organized by tour operators, box lunches included. One D-Day tour, called "Operation Friendly Invasion," provides all-inclusive service from New York, with stopovers in London and Paris.

In Normandy, the liberation day celebrations will progress from the D-Day landings in June to the allied capture of Mortain in August, following the path of the German retreat 40 years ago. Later on, it will be Paris's turn, then that of cities, towns and villages in Luxembourg and Belgium, which expect a tenfold increase in tourism this summer. Bastogne, where Gen. Anthony McAuliffe answered "Nuts" to German demands for surrender in the Battle of the Bulge, expects a record number of American visitors. Meantime, in England, from where "Operation Overlord" was launched, other anniversary events are planned, including "Glenn Miller style" big band concerts in the port city of Southampton. □

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The design and placement of electric generation and natural gas distribution systems, water systems, oil refineries, pumping stations and pipelines reflect the priorities of a past era. Their efficiency lies in their size and centralization. These systems form an intricate and extremely fragile web.

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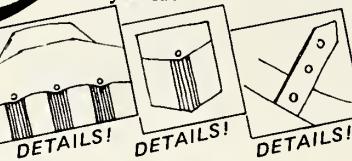
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That this kind of attack is likely is not mere speculation. Since 1970, over 200 attacks worldwide have been directed against electric utilities, from California to Puerto Rico, from France to the Philippines.

So far, these attacks have been largely ineffective, but they raise the prospect of very large disruption, even if there are few direct human casualties. The vulnerability of Western societies' life-support systems invites focused sabotage. If successful, such attacks might even exceed the self-healing limits of society.

There is growing evidence that training for just such attacks is being developed and refined by terrorist organizations. Some governments have contingency plans, trained personnel and equipment allocated. Many, including the US, do not. When targets cannot respond, terrorists have a far better chance of success and of meeting their primary objectives: political turmoil and economic disruption.

What to Do?

For the US, the challenge of terrorism is immense, not just to protect our people and property, but also to prevent terrorists from exerting substantial impact on our foreign policy. To an extent, this is unavoidable, as we found in Iran. To minimize it, we must prepare. We also must deal with terrorism's roots as well as its effects.

We need to adopt a seven-part strategy:

- The Pentagon Commission report on the Beirut bombing said, "US military forces lack an effective capability to respond to terrorist attacks." It called for development of "a broad range of appropriate military responses to terrorism," coupled with improved American intelligence and political efforts.

- An effective crisis management structure for the civilian sector requires joint planning and ironed-out jurisdictional questions among federal, state and local authorities. Joint train-

ing exercises, aimed at developing smooth working routines in crisis conditions, are also important.

• Counter-terrorist intelligence to thwart attacks before they occur is one of the most critical elements of an effective response and is now a critical part of national security abroad. At home, however, this intelligence must be coupled with constitutional safeguards.

• Advanced technology needs to be used to strengthen potential targets, to reduce the terrorist's capability for damage and to deny leverage.

• US foreign policy must contain or resolve conflicts abroad where terrorism is an offshoot. This is now particularly true in the Middle East, but it will be increasingly true in other parts of the world.

• Far more cooperation is required among nations threatened by terrorism—not just conventions against hijacking, but broad-ranging agreements to work together to share intelligence, limit opportunities and deny sanctuary to terrorists.

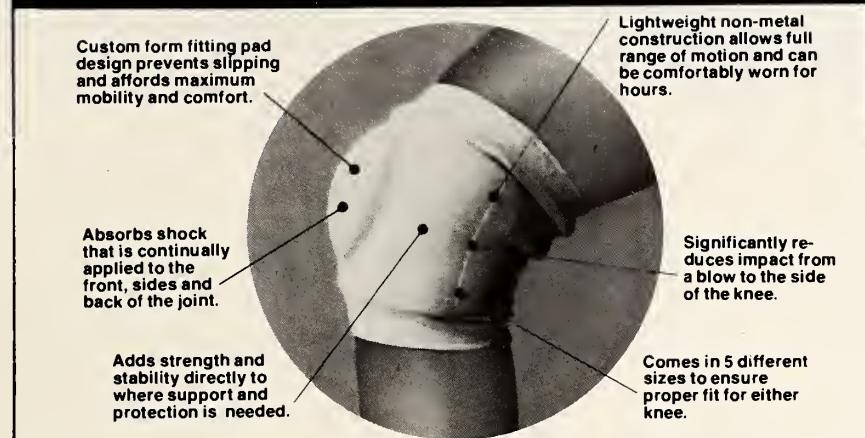
• Finally, we must not become so panic-stricken by the potential for terrorism that we overreact. As serious as the problem is, we must not so limit our liberties in the effort to be prepared that we end up doing the terrorists' work for them.

Intelligent analysis and preparation are the keys. Thus far, we have tended to discount the terrorist threat and to treat each incident on its own merits. In the future, a heightened risk of attack may find our government unprepared, undermining its credibility abroad and weakening trust at home.

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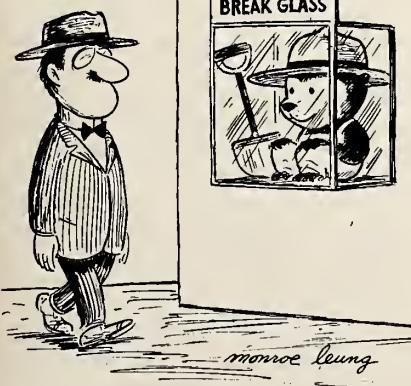
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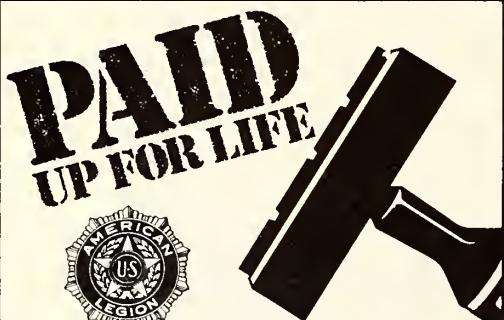
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Yet she had told no one of the "UFO," for fear she'd be considered crazy. Even after seeing a chopper on television, and recognizing her error, Grandma felt too foolish to talk of the incident. Except, of course, with her grandson who, when she related the story, laughed with her.

This intimate moment was not at all unusual, for the pair shared many confidences, things the boy couldn't discuss with his parents—things Grandma could tell only to him. Pressures inherent in a parent-child relationship simply didn't exist between the alternate generations. And so it is almost always between grandparents and their grandchildren.

That is, when they have the opportunity to be together, something that is decidedly less common today than 20-to-30 years ago. Indeed, in the last decade there has appeared in the US something of an estrangement between grandchildren and grandparents. On the surface, the problem centers on a marked decline in frequent contact. Deeper, however, is confusion over the role grandparents believe they should play in the lives of their

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children's children, if not in the conduct of their own existence.

For those grandparents who have loving and close contact with their grandchildren, that it could be different for anyone else may come as a shock. Yet, according to an extensive survey by Arthur Kornhaber, M.D., a medical director of a pediatric neuropsychiatric group that treats children and their families in New York, only 5 percent of American children have close and regular contact with their grandparents. Another 5 percent never see grandparents. But what disturbed Kornhaber most was the 70-to-80 percent of the grandparents who said that, while they dearly love the youngsters, they are seldom able or can bother to see the grandchildren more than once or twice a year.

The causes of this great decrease in grandparent-grandchild interaction are numerous, the backwash of a number of major social trends. At a time when more mothers hold jobs outside the home, lessening the overall adult influence on children, kids need their grandparents more than ever. Some of these situations, the separations, are simply unavoidable. The

others are a result of skewed perceptions and expectations:

- For starters, we are living in a society of unparalleled mobility. Americans, to be sure, have always had itchy feet.

After WWII, however, professionals and laborers alike often moved to where they could find work. With good highways, a modern air transportation system and direct long-distance telephone dialing, spread-out families didn't seem so far away. But in terms of frequent contact between grandparents and grandchildren, the miles might as well be light years.

- With marriages dissolving at a rate of one every 27 seconds—or more than a million a year—families, and grandparent-grandchild relationships, are being split as never before.

- Senior Americans are working longer, taking on part-time jobs or "post-retirement" careers.

- More important, though, is the changing image many senior citizens have of themselves.

To an extent, seniors have been rebelling against the negative stereotypes of age, and justly so. Where the problem arises for many older individuals is justifying the new concept of a

Gone?

By Jay Stuller



"swinger" with that of a doting grandparent. "The brutal fact," says Kornhaber, "is that more and more grandparents are choosing to ignore their grandchildren. In turn, grandchildren are ignoring them."

This represents a major social change, not only in American culture, but in the way families have interacted for practically all time.

"We do know that when there's an involved, loving and healthy grandparent-grandchild relationship, a child will grow into a more secure and well-rounded individual," says Carol Kornhaber, who with her husband has formed a group called the Foundation for Grandparenting. "A grandparent's love is perhaps more unconditional than that of a parent," she explains. "This is normal, since Mom and Dad have to be more involved in discipline and such—it's their duty. Grandparents, however, can serve as a buffer for their grandchildren."

Grandparents, moreover, provide a number of things to a grandchild. "The child learns a better concept of past, present and future," says Kornhaber, "and is not afraid of old people, or of growing older himself or herself."

Grandparents also can serve as

negotiators, explaining to parents—in private—the child's view of problems, yet without usurping the parental role. Grandparents are an exemplary behavioral model, unencumbered by the press of earning a living and raising children at the same time. To a child, grandparents are a relief valve, something like the boss's boss, a psychological higher court in which they receive understanding rather than correction.

Literally millions of American grandparents, however, don't realize the value they can add to their grandchildren's lives. Or worse, they simply don't know how to go about it.

Divorce is another major facet of our times and, while it can crack the bonds between grandparents and grandchildren, family counselors have learned this is a period when grandparents are *most needed*.

Grandparents, of course, shouldn't meddle or pry at the child's home. "Grandparents can't supplant parents, but they have a special perspective and abilities that no one else can provide," says an attorney who specializes in child custody cases. They should be a positive source of love, he says, showing the child that there is continuity in life, even as his or her world seems at the moment to be crumbling.

It wasn't long ago when grandparents, if they ever wanted to see the

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grandkids, had to depend on the good will of their former in-law children. But laws in a growing number of states enable or require the court to consider the rights of grandparents who want to visit grandchildren. To preclude legal problems, courts in New York, Massachusetts, Michigan and California often use counselors to help establish working visitation

schedules before trouble starts.

There are, nonetheless, many people who have grandchildren that live far away, or youngsters whose grandparents have died. Into this breach have come a number of public health programs that put unrelated seniors and children together.

Foster grandparents, for example, match the elderly with children in hospitals, in institutions for the mentally disabled, and kids who have suffered abuse or neglect. A city-sponsored project in Oakland, Calif., the Family Companion Program, puts disfranchised seniors in contact with entire families. In Santa Monica, Calif., the Westside Independent Service to the Elderly places children 12 through 17 with seniors in their 70s and 80s. The two disparate age groups, it seems, have some things in common.

According to Arthur Kornhaber, there's little secret to being a good grandparent. In his book on the subject, *Grandparents/Grandchildren—The Vital Connection*, Kornhaber and co-author Kenneth Woodward, make the point that the old saw is true, that grandparents do "have all the fun of being a parent and none of the responsibility . . ." Kornhaber also says grandchildren and grandparents are naturally at ease with each other.

Grandparents, with all their wrinkles, are also magic to a child, wizards who have surprises and delights hidden in boxes and drawers. The grandparent can playfully undermine, without really destroying, parental authority. Only with grandparents can adolescents not feel some element of guilt or stupidity.

Parent-child relationships are always tough, if only due to the necessity of strong parental guidance, high expectations on the part of the adult and a desire to please—which is often subverted by a streak of independence—on the part of the child. Grandparents are not part of this natural conflict and can do much to ease a child's growing pains. Trips to zoos, shopping centers and movies are well and good. But the key, says Kornhaber, is simply for grandparents and grandchildren to be together.

The connection is vital and obviously simple. If only the effort is made. □



Safe Haven?

A small boy was constantly in trouble with his mother one day. She decided he was ready for a spanking when he ran and hid under the bed. Satisfied, she let him stay there until his father came home. When the father arrived, he went to the boy's bedroom and gently raised the bedspread. "Hi, Dad," the boy whispered. "Is she after you, too?"

—Barbara Beal

Retirement Benefits

Sign on a church bulletin board: Work for the Lord. The pay isn't good, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

—Martha J. Beckman

Paradox

Temptation whispers
Loud and clear,
While duty's demands
Are hard to hear.

—May Richstone

Price of Friendship

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But thank God for His mercy,
The price of friendship is the same.

—Olga McCoy

Corporate Improvement

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"How absolutely marvelous," gushed a former classmate, "acquiring so much money hasn't changed you!"

"Actually, it has," the candid millionaire told her. "I'm now 'eccentric' where I used to be impolite, and 'delightfully amusing' where I used to be a pain in the neck."

—Kenneth E. Hall

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Prosperity is buying things you don't need with money you don't have to impress people you don't like.

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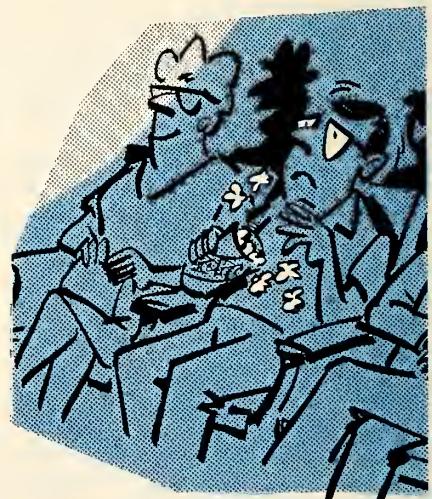
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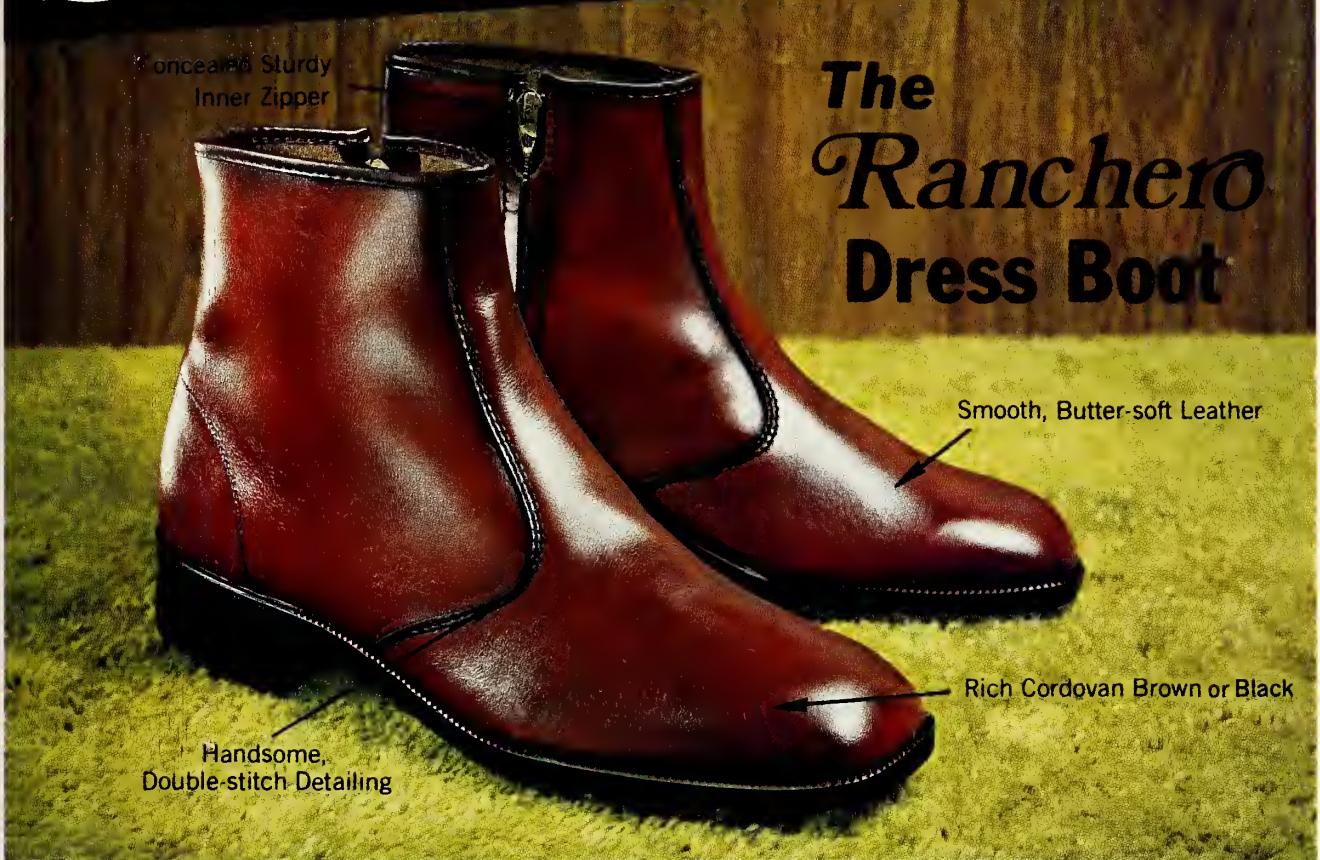


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